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Council plans CPOs to push forward with Five Mile Lane scheme

THE Vale Council cabinet has taken the decision to pursue a series of **Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs)** to acquire land necessary for improving **Five-Mile Lane**.

The council's LDP has already set out plans for the **Five-Mile Lane**

by **PHILIP IRWIN**

improvements, and the Welsh Government has allocated funding for the project.

The traffic signals installed on the A48 at Sycamore Cross were, in effect, the first part of the scheme.

Driving the scheme is the desire to improve

links to Barry and, of course, Cardiff Airport and St Athan Enterprise Zones.

The cabinet met on Monday, January 25, to approve the process. An earlier report to the cabinet said that a total of 41 'parcels' of land would need to be purchased, and that the expected cost was just over £4 million.

According to the report, to save time, a 'twin-track' approach will be taken – meaning that council officers will negotiate to buy the land, while at the same time the legal work necessary for a CPO will be done.

Under the plans, Five Mile Lane's bends will be straightened out, and the improved road is set to have a 60mph speed limit.

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SIX WELSH HARPS IN HARMONY!



Cowbridge Comprehensive Harps starred at the Music In The Vale competition. (See next week for a full report).

Cancer Research UK charity launches 'Wales United' at art display fundraiser

by **GEM REPORTER**

A charity art exhibition is being held at Topstak, near Cowbridge, on Wednesday, February 3, to raise funds for research into cancer.

It is a 'Wales United' event under the umbrella of Cancer Research UK – which means that funds raised in Wales are invested here.

One example of the charity's funding being put to critical use is in Cardiff, where Dr Matt Smalley and his team

are currently investigating why breast cancers respond differently to treatments. It is hoped the research that could lead to targeted drugs tailored to an individual's tumour, and giving hope to over 2,500 Welsh women and men diagnosed every year.

Anne Birt, of the Cowbridge fundraising committee for Cancer Research UK, said: "The exhibition of

paintings by Roger Morgan is already a sell-out and funds raised will benefit people in Wales.

"We want to thank Lynda and Chris Pedersen for their generosity in hosting the event and being so supportive. We are very excited to be launching 'Wales United' at the event."

The fundraising committee is promising a varied programme of events this year, and Anne has promised that the popular 'Cowbridge on the Run' will return in the autumn.

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'Trade Union bill attacks democracy'

OURS is supposedly the oldest parliamentary democracy in the world, and we talk often of our British belief in fair play. Yet with the Trade Union Bill, this Government is putting these values at risk.

We've already seen them make it harder to register to vote, soon they will redraw the parliamentary map in a way that benefits the Conservative Party.

Furthermore, hidden in the Trade Union Bill, is a clause that is deliberately designed to cut off trade unions' financial support for the Labour Party - while doing nothing to limit the hedge funds and millionaires that support

the Tories.

They're attacking democracy by silencing opposition, whether it's from unions, campaigners, or charities; and by changing the rules to make it harder for anyone else to win an election.

As the House of Lords debates the Bill over the next weeks, I can only hope the Government will take the opportunity to embody the values of democracy and decency they claim to support, and drop these unfair proposals.

Wendy Gilligan,
Dinas Powys.

Privatisation of services to blame

IT is, indeed, a matter of grave concern that the main post office in Barry is earmarked for closure, and good to read that our MP Alun Cairns is shocked and angered by the news.

But it is also worth bearing in mind that it is his Tory Government's dogmatic privatisation of our essential services and infrastructure, which he has invariably voted in favour of, that is leading to this type of callous disregard for the needs of the public by the privatised essential services.

What does Mr Cairns have to say to that?
Marc Delaney, Barry.

Two with tireless record of service

I WAS disappointed with Coun Gwyn John's quip last week that the Conservatives had nothing to shout about, after Ralph Austin's re-election to the town council.

I agree the election expense is regrettable in the present financial climate, but it is important to have people serving on the council with different political views; it is also important that councillors put the community first.

Ralph's record in serving the town is admirable and, like his namesake, the bionic

man (Steve Austin) he is an incredible individual, well-liked and respected in the local community.

He is a friend and neighbour who gave me a wonderful welcome when I moved to Llantwit from west Wales some 18 years ago.

I also respect Coun Gwyn John for his tireless work and his past record regarding football in the town. I am sure as a sportsman he will be able to work with Ralph for the continued improvements needed in Llantwit.

Dai Griffiths,
Llantwit Major.

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Holocaust Memorial Day stark reminder of genocide horrors

YESTERDAY'S Holocaust Memorial Day (Wednesday, January 27) was an important reminder of the need for us to think about those less fortunate than ourselves, what actions we can take to prevent genocide and mass murder in future, and how we can help those affected.

Although the main focus of

Holocaust Memorial Day is the deliberate and systematic slaughter of six million Jews during World War Two by the Nazis, the exhibition which opened at Barry Library last weekend also reminds us that persecution of minority groups has taken place in many locations since then - including the Balkan Wars of the 1990s and in Rwanda.

There are many conflicts and atrocities in the world, with Syria uppermost in our media coverage. Oxfam Cymru says Wales should provide

support to 724 people per year to help the situation - that's just 18 per year in the Vale of Glamorgan constituency, perhaps four or five families with children.

When we see the war and starvation that these people face, accommodating and providing support to such small numbers shouldn't be beyond our council to successfully organise.

Coun Ian Johnson,
Plaid Cymru candidate for the Vale of Glamorgan.

DARREN FARM: 'Well done to council'

WE are so pleased that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have approved the planning application for residential housing at Darren Farm, Cowbridge.

There is a desperate need for homes in the Vale with preference given to local residents

seeking affordable and rented accommodation.

Local councils throughout the UK are under so much pressure these days with regard to austerity, flooding and many other pressing problems.

So it is very gratifying to see how astutely the council have obtained the agreement of the developer for the provision of the new link road, a new roundabout, a new primary school,

£4 million contribution towards the education budget and £950,000 for sustainable transport facilities, to include the very important, but often missed, provision of access routes for pedestrians and cycles that I know my children will require for the school.

Furthermore, it is also worthy of note that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have considered the objections and

recognised it is right they should favour those in dire need of a home.

I am 39 years old and born in Cowbridge; my children, husband and I live locally with my parents, so we will be very grateful to have the opportunity to apply for one of the houses.

Well done to the developer and the council.

Rhianwen Morgan,
Llanfleiddan.

Footpath survey will present a challenge

RAMBLERS UK's survey of footpaths in Wales and England, the Big Pathwatch, is expected to be published in the spring.

The survey was undertaken by volunteers who each adopted a number of one-kilometre squares from the Ordnance Survey map, and attempted to walk each footpath within their squares, recording comments on the Big Pathwatch website.

The Glamorgan area was the most productive in Wales, with 42 per cent of the squares (940 out of 2,243) surveyed, but the area is also blessed with 13 individual ramblers groups.

Within Glamorgan,

Bridgend county borough has had 61 per cent (150 of its 246 square kilometres) surveyed.

We await the final report to see how many issues there are to be resolved. The challenge will then be to see how CBCB and the local landowners respond to the findings.

Walking is an important means of maintaining and developing good health - both physical and mental. Footpaths are vital assets that need to be maintained for residents, and increasingly as a means of attracting visitors and tourists, to enjoy what we have to offer and assist our economy.

Allan Morgan,
Bridgend Ramblers.

Better things to do?

THE recent so-called 'prank' yellow parking ticket in Barry, must have hit a raw nerve with Coun Lis Burnett, for her to go to the lengths of seeing who did it on CCTV.

Surely she must have better things to do? What do we pay them for, I wonder at times.

Coun Burnett should concentrate on the state of the streets of Barry, which are littered, and the pavements with dog mess everywhere.

It is no wonder that Barry is rapidly going into decline.
P Rees,
Barry.

Untimely flyer

IN my copy of The GEM last Thursday, there was a flyer for Subway: the timing is unfortunate, as on Wednesday night (January 20) there was a programme on BBC 2 about unfair trading by multinationals and efforts by small companies in Crickhowell to create a level playing field for the payment of Corporation Tax.

Subway was singled out for special mention as it has allegedly not

paid UK Corporation Tax for many years.

I'm sure that the many small sandwich purveyors and cafes in Barry will be happy that you are helping a company that competes unfairly to take business away from them.

Perhaps The GEM should be more careful about who it gets in bed with!

David Kennett,
Barry.

FOOTNOTE: We are happy to confirm that The GEM is 'in bed' with no-one!

Rise and fall

QUESTION - why does Council Tax go up every year? Libraries are being cut back, and we have to pay for food bags now!

Answer - Assembly Members' £10,000 rise - disgraceful!
Marjorie Voaden, Rhosee.

PM IS ISSUING 'EMPTY THREAT'

IF foreign women who do not speak English wish to avoid Mr Cameron's empty threat of deportation, all they need do is commit a crime then claim a right to family life.

R Bradshaw,
Cowbridge.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL FEBRUARY 4)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
28 Thur	08.59	9.5	21.16	9.3
29 Fri	09.29	9.3	21.49	8.9
30 Sat	10.03	8.7	22.21	8.5
31 Sun	10.41	8.4	22.59	8.1
01 Mon	11.23	8.0	23.55	7.7
02 Tues			12.22	7.6
03 Wed	01.09	7.4	13.44	7.5
04 Thur	02.36	7.6	14.57	7.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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WHEN ARE THERE TOO MANY CHARITY SHOPS?

SOME Cowbridge residents are saying "enough is enough" after it was confirmed that another charity shop is opening in the town.

Cancer Research UK are to open in February in Cowbridge High Street, opposite the Bear Hotel. This means it will be within 60 yards of an existing cancer charity shop, that run by Tenovus.

In a letter to The GEM (reprinted to the right) the residents query how much money will be raised for the charities, and how much will be swallowed up in rent and the salary of a manager (assuming one is employed).

Cancer Research UK has annoyed these residents by embarking

by PHILIP IRWIN

on an extensive refit – presumably at considerable expense – and they question whether this is good value for money for the charity.

Their letter closes by saying that they are considering reviewing their existing subscriptions to cancer charities, as they want their money to go straight to research, rather than shop overheads.

One local resident told The GEM: "It seems that people in the Cowbridge area donate generously to charity shops, but there is only so much stuff to go round."

"The more shops there are, the thinner that stock will be spread, and the result will be that each shop is less profitable, and will therefore send less cash to its head office."

Julie Byard, head of retail operations at Cancer Research UK, said: "Our shops are the high street face of the charity and investing in them is vital. Money raised through our new shop on Cowbridge High Street and our other stores forms a very significant part of Cancer Research UK's income and therefore helps us fund research which saves more lives."

"The improvements we make are designed to better reflect the surroundings and offer customers an enhanced shopping experience – as well as encouraging people to bring in more high quality donations which can be sold at the best possible price."

"We are required to



bring shops up to a health and safety compliant standard for both our staff, volunteers and supporters, all of which is completed in a very cost effective way."

"There are 586 Cancer Research UK shops throughout the UK. Last year, these shops raised £25million in profits. The profits from our shops form a very significant part of Cancer Research UK's income."

"Each bag of clothes donated to one of Cancer Research UK's high street shops is potentially worth £30 or more for the charity's life-saving work, particularly when gift aid is added."

"We are very much looking forward to opening our newest shop on Wednesday, February 10 in Cowbridge High Street, where customers will be able to meet Prof Duncan Baird, whose research work is fundamental in helping us in the fight against cancer."

Capital of the charity shops?

AS Cowbridge is soon to have yet another charity shop, namely Cancer Research, one wonders where this will end.

Will the market town of Cowbridge become the capital of charity shops in Wales?

The most recent is undergoing what looks to be an expensive makeover including extensive joinery and new floors.

Could not the shop have been left in its original condition? After all, any monies spent on refurbishing diminishes the return for the charity, and the

salary for a manager would do likewise.

As the premises are rented, the only beneficiaries of this expenditure are the owners of the property.

In light of this, we the undersigned subscribers to cancer charities are going to review our policy, as we do not want our donations to go into the hands of shopfitters and very high rents, instead of helping people in need.

The question must be asked about the justification for all these costs.

ML Goldsworthy,
A Heywood,
J Edwards,
D Ham,
M Ballantyne.

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Llangan School

ON Wednesday, January 27 children in years 3/4 visited the Golden Well restaurant for a Chinese buffet.

This has become an annual event which is very much enjoyed by the children.

On Thursday, February 4 years 5/6 are going to London to tour the Sky TV studios.

Cancer awareness

TREOS village hall is holding a special cancer awareness event this Saturday, January 30 – a Neil Diamond evening, already sold out.

If you cannot attend, but would like to make a donation, please do so by sending a cheque payable to Y Bwthyn Newydd, c/o Alan Day at 8 Glann Y Nant,

Trees. The charity supports the palliative care centre at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. My thanks to Paula Wilson for bringing this very important issue to my attention.

Local funeral
TREOS residents and members of the Young At Heart Club joined the family of the late Elizabeth Hill at her funeral, which took place at the Mid-Glamorgan Crematorium on Monday, January 25.

Betty, as she was known to her friends, had been a member of Treos Young At Heart Club for a number of years, always taking an active part in the club's activities.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre, c/o Mrs C James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhosce CF62 3DZ.

Head of Rotary in British Isles visits Cowbridge branch



RIBI President Peter Davey, Ms Hiromi Matsufuji, District Governor Chris Williams, Rotarian Maggie Hughes and Cowbridge Rotary Club President, Peter Moug.

COWBRIDGE had a special place in the Rotary world on Monday night, as the local branch hosted a visit by president of Rotary International, Peter Davey.

The St Quentin's Suite at The Bear Hotel was the setting and members from all over south Wales had gathered there to meet the head of the organisation in the British Isles.

There was good food and fellowship, and musical entertainment in the form of a harpist from Cowbridge Comprehensive, Ioan Wardhaugh, who played traditional Welsh tunes for the diners to sing along to.

There was a Rotary ambassadorial exchange student, Miss Hiromi Matsufuji, all the way from Japan, and two new members were inducted into the club, Dave Morris (Cowbridge Town Clerk) and Tom Price.

President Davey turned out to be a fluent and entertaining speaker who pitched his talk exactly to his audience as he spoke about the thoughts that occupy many Rotary clubs – an ageing membership profile, the nearly-achieved eradication of polio, the changing ways of communicating through social media and what the future might hold as we move forward into the 21st century.

Rotary International is, after all, a business built on the core values of fellowship, integrity and service before self.

It may not be easy at times, as changes in society will happen due to advances in technology, but change can bring great opportunities as well as challenges.

Halcyon days of The Barley Mow

GEM columnist Oak Room sells approximately 500 quality bar meals per week, and the sign outside the pub proclaims Why pay less?

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Back then it had a darts board, a beer garden and a function room and sold Hancocks and Worthington draught ales as well as two guest ales.

"The restaurant in the ales.

Lauren 'crosses fingers'!



Lauren Williams, aged nine, from Llanblethian, is an area finalist in the Royal Mail Young Letter Writing Competition. Lauren, who attends year 5 at Howells School, is down to the last 120 young people in the UK out of over 100,000 entries. The winners will be chosen later this month.

Good luck Lauren!

Cowbridge History Society

THE society's next lecture will be on Friday, February 5 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge and is entitled *The Garden Suburbs and Villages of South Wales*, by Dick Buswell. All welcome!



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A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF THE VALE IS CAPTURED THROUGH THE GEM'S LENS

Photographs by
IAN DIXON

LOCAL photographer Ian Dixon captured dozens of events in the Vale of Glamorgan during 2015.

Ian's 'photo scrapbook' emphasises the importance of village life and why large towns and cities aren't the be-all and end-all of modern life.

They also demonstrate the importance of the many selfless individuals who give up their time freely to organise local festivals, plays, concerts, rural shows and fetes.

There are more of Ian's images from 2015 on page 6.



Go 'Into the Woods' with Cowbridge Comprehensive

STUDENTS at the school had performed the show, and this year she felt that they had the right mix of performers. She said: "We did a shortened version 10 years ago, but this time we are doing the complete show, including songs that were cut from the film."

Into the Woods uses familiar fairy tale characters to tell a story that covers everything from growing up, love, ambition, betrayal and bereavement – to name just a few.

However, the school's head of drama, Amanda Campbell, told The GEM that it was 10 years since

Tickets are available from the box office on 01446 772311.

STORYTIME AT LIBRARY
COME along to Cowbridge library on Wednesdays from 2pm – 2.30pm for stories and crafts! Ages 0 – five years are welcome.

Harry Potter Night is on Wednesday, February 3 from 5pm – 7pm, for children aged 8 years and above; fancy dress optional.

This is a free event but booking is essential. Contact 01446 773941.



Bingo meeting cancelled

UNFORTUNATELY, I have to report that our Cowbridge bingo caller Haydn is in hospital having an operation.

Initially, we had thought of having the next session around his bed, but, on reflection, felt that to teach nurses gambling, with the present situation in the NHS, would not be the healthiest thing to do.

Also, his lovely wife Sylvie and the other ladies, who prepare our

succulent food, did not feel it appropriate at this time.

In that case, we have no option but to cancel the next session, planned for Thursday, February 4.

I know you would wish me to express to Haydn our best wishes for a successful operation and a speedy recovery. Also, our sympathy to his wife Sylvie during this worrying time.

Keep an eye out for details on the March meeting soon.

Basil Watkins



The Five Mile Lane plans push forward

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Included in the improvement scheme are the following:

- A new 4.8km long, two-lane single carriageway road designed to current highway standards. This includes 1.3km of on line improvement at the southern end of the scheme (approaching Weycock Cross).

The new highway alignment will provide a 7.3m wide carriageway with 1m hard-strips either side of the running surface and will provide 2.5m grass verges.

- The junctions with side roads that join the new main road will be remodelled.

- A new bridge will be built to link land on either side of the new road and also to provide brideway access across the road.

- Part of the route, from the Hawking Centre to Weycock Cross Roundabout, will have a new cycleway route along the existing road, including a new section of shared cycleway / footway.

The Vale Council's current timetable is that works will begin on site in 2017, after the scheme goes to planning, and allowing for an inquiry into the CPO, should one occur, and the procurement of the main works contract.

The cost of the scheme is currently estimated at £25.8 including land and property acquisition. The scheme is being wholly financed through Grant funding to the Vale Council from Welsh Government.

COMMUNITY CHAMPION BROUGHT HUGE FUNDING TO BARRY... Town's £10million chairman resigns from role – after 13 years of service

THE Pride in Barry (PIB) chairman Paul Haley, who helped secure millions of pounds in funding for the town, is standing down after 13 years in the role.

Paul, a local businessman, joined Pride In Barry in 1999, in his then capacity as president of Barry Chamber of Trade. He relinquished that position in 2003 when he took over as Pride in Barry Chair from the late Derek Bryar.

Prior to that, Paul had been Chair of Barry Island Traders from 1996 to 2000, having established Barry Island

Rollerdom in 1993 as one of the first wave of new business attractions under the Barry Regeneration Programme, which began on Barry Island.

Having been consistently involved in Barry Regeneration for 23 years, Paul Haley told The GEM: "I have had the good fortune to work with many excellent proud Barrians who have been dedicated to seeking improvement to our wonderful town throughout a major regeneration programme."

"All have been unpaid volunteers who rightly believe that Barry can be better. I thank my fellow

by GEM REPORTER

committee members and everyone who has supported me during my time as Chairman."

Paul said his resignation was tinged with sadness that some of the organisation's members were no longer around to see the impact it had made.

"Many of the original Pride In Barry Members are sadly no longer with us, and I hope that I have lived up to the faith they had in me to continue their work."

A voluntary organisation, Pride In Barry, was established in 1994 to promote

civic pride and environmental enhancement within the 'Barry Regeneration Area', which was based around returning the large derelict coal port to modern community use. Paul explained: "The Pride In Barry Committee has maintained a clear vision for Barry and has worked with many different officials and politicians over the years and has been the constant partner throughout."

"We can be most proud of our four year campaign to make sure Barry wasn't forgotten, after the demise of the Welsh Development Agency, which resulted in Barry achieving

regeneration area status in 2010 with £9.8million towards regeneration projects.

"Thanks to the leadership of our late president Gareth Howe, we also established the Barry Blue Plaque Scheme to recognise the abundant heritage of our town and its people."

Just a year ago, Paul was recognised as a 'Community Champion' by the Prime Minister David Cameron at a reception in 10 Downing Street.

Speaking about the future, Paul said: "It is time for a refresh, reinvigoration and regeneration of Pride In Barry to meet the challenges of the next phases of Barry regeneration."

"The Pride In Barry committee is welcoming new members, and will be electing and announcing a new Chair shortly."



In January 2015, Paul Haley was recognised as a Barry 'Community Champion' by the Prime Minister at No 10.

UKIP councillor in 'quit' threat if party parachutes in outside candidates

A well known UKIP councillor in the Vale, Kevin Mahoney, has said he will quit the party if candidates are parachuted into Wales from other areas of the UK.

by GEM REPORTER

Emphasising it wasn't "an English-Welsh thing", Coun Mahoney said his objection was to non-local people suddenly turning up in the hope of representing areas where local members had done the hard work.

Pollsters believe UKIP might win as many as eight Welsh Assembly seats, and there has been speculation that former Tory MP Neil Hamilton and former UKIP MP Mark Reckless, who represented English constituencies in Parliament, along with Alexandra Phillips from Gloucester, could be named on regional lists.

Coun Mahoney, who has been ratified as UKIP's first candidate on the South Wales Central list, told The GEM: "It is a matter of principle to me. I don't think that people like Neil Hamilton and Mark Reckless should be foisted on the party in Wales."



COUN KEVIN MAHONEY.

"It is not right that Welsh-based candidates might be bumped down the list. Some people within the party seem to be under the delusion that Neil Hamilton and Mark Reckless are household figures and will draw votes."

The final decision on who represents UKIP in the Assembly elections will be made by the party's national executive committee. Coun Mahoney said he had always disliked the way the major parties had been prone to dictating outside candidates on constituencies.

"Unfortunately, it seems the party may be falling for the same sort of political cronyism." The Welsh Assembly elections take place on May 5.

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Pupils demonstrate their speaking skills



THE JUNIOR WINNERS.

ON January 20, the Rotary Club of Barry held the first round of the Rotary Youths Speaks competition.

It is one of several competitions organised by the Rotary movement specifically designed to develop students' skills.

The event was held in Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School in Barry.

Winners in the junior section (11-13) were the team from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, whose chosen topic was 'Can We 'Meat' the Expectations?'

Chairperson was Huw Jones, speaker was Twm Aled and the vote of thanks was given by Sara Jones. Twm Aled won the prize for best speaker, while two members from the other Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg team, Emily Davies and Rhys Griffiths won the prizes

for best chairperson and best vote of thanks respectively.

In the senior section, Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School were the winners. Their team was chaired by Zoe Cannon, their speaker was Charlotte Rose and their vote of thanks was given by Vicky Binding.

The team's chosen topic was 'Organ Donation: the Chance to Save a Life'.

Charlotte Rose also won the prize for the best speaker, while Zoe Cannon won the prize for the best chairperson.

Winner for the best vote of thanks was Mary-Ann Moss from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg team, who were the runners up. In line with national rules, team speakers had to answer a question from the audience to show their understanding of their chosen topic.

Judges were Graeme Milnes, David Palmer

and Terry Brooks from Cardiff Speakers Club.

Speaking on behalf of the judges, Terry Brooks congratulated all participants saying that they had all set some very high standards.

President of Barry Rotary Club, Paul Halstead thanked Rotarian Ann Harthy who had coordinated the event and everyone who had supported the competition and wished the winning teams every success in the next round to be held in February.

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WE would like to say a big thank you to everyone who dug deep and looked in the back of cupboards and behind the sofa, to find any unwanted foreign currency for the collection we had through the end of last year.

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This haul added £89.55 to our fundraising total this year, so thank you once again for your time and effort. All money goes towards enhancing our children's learning experience while at St David's.

There will be an open morning on Thursday, February 4 if you would like to have a look at our wonderful school, along with the new nursery - all are welcome.

Nursery applications are now being taken for September 2016. Deadline for application is March 25. Call 01656 656447.

Debbie Lewis, (Chair of The Friends of St David's, Colwinston).

MP attends 'Bears' meeting

The January meeting of The Bears' group took place at The Bear Hotel in Cowbridge last week. From left to right, the chairman of the club Alex Granville, local MP Alan Cairns MP and former town mayor Peter Knapp.

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'LET'S ALL SPEAK OUT AGAINST CLOSURES!'

SHOCK, dismay and anger has been widely expressed with the announcement last week that the Barry Crown Post Office on Holton Road has been earmarked for closure.

It is hard to believe that such a plan can be devised by the Post Office with no regard for the importance of the Crown Post Office for the people of Barry, (the largest town in Wales) customers and local businesses and no consultation with the Welsh

Government. With the loss of post offices in Highlight Park and Colcot Road and now the threat to the central Crown Post Office opposite the Civic Offices, in the main shopping area of Barry, served by road and rail, this is a devastating sign of ignorance and disregard by the Post Office who want to 'outsource' nearly 100 Crown Post Offices across the UK.

This is simply unacceptable and also shows how little the Post Office cares about this vital service or its workforce.

Last week I met Post Office representatives and

expressed my views and said I would campaign against the closure of the Crown Post Office in Barry.

I also contacted the Communication Workers Union and they told me they would be campaigning locally and nationally in defence of the Crown Network - describing the plans as "blatant privatisation." <http://www.cwu.org/media/news/2016/january/19/starstar-new-video-starstar-defend-crown-offices-reunite-the-people-s-post/>

I launched a petition last week and signatures are pouring in. Hard copy

petitions are available in Holton Road shops and businesses and at my office at 115 High Street, Barry CF62 7DT. I have also launched an online petition this week:

https://www.change.org/p/post-office-ltd-post-office-ltd-withdraw-proposal-to-close-barry-crown-post-office-in-vale-of-glamorgan?recruiter=47756516&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=share

Get in touch and join the campaign against the closure of our Crown Post Office in Barry.

closure of yet another bank with the announcement that Barclays would be closing its branch in March.

This follows the closure of the Natwest Branch in November. The campaign to keep the Natwest open was supported by local people, businesses and charities with the Town Council in full support of the campaign.

I forwarded an Impact Assessment supported by Councillor Gwyn John detailing the evidence we had collected about the negative impact the Natwest closure would have and we proposed a way forward for the bank to remain open on a part-time basis with a local business - all ignored by Natwest.

We will do the same with Barclays and we have added to the evidence about the difficulties for churches, charities and events like the Victorian Fair where cash is collected and needs to be

banked quickly and accurately. I have also met with the bank and Post Office to discuss how this can be handled.

The question being asked in Llantwit is, will Lloyds stay open?

This week, I had the following message from manager Simeon Morrison Brown of Lloyds: "I would like to first assure you that we have no current plans to close branches in your constituency."

We must hold Lloyds Bank to that promise.

I am also meeting the CEO of the Principality Building Society next week to discuss ways in which they can help to serve the people of Llantwit with the financial services they should be entitled to.

The Welsh Government has been investing millions of pounds in the regeneration of Barry and Llantwit Major in

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by **Jane Hutt**
AM (Minister for Finance)

partnership with the Vale Council and the private sector. The renewal and revival of our town centres and coastline is widely welcomed.

Will the banks and Post Office listen to public opinion? We must make sure our strong and united voices against these closures are heard.

Vale Mayor meets the watchers



The Mayor of the Vale with voluntary watchkeepers at Nell's Point.

Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Fred Johnson, recently enjoyed an informative visit with the watchkeepers at Nell's Point, Barry Island.

The National Coastwatch Institution is a voluntary

organisation whose highly-trained volunteers provide a vital link with emergency services and are part of the national search and rescue organisation.

Although Nell's Point is fully equipped with up-to-the-minute technology, the NCI believes that there is no substitute for a

watchful pair of eyes. A computer cannot spot a distress flare, or a swimmer or fishermen in trouble.

The Mayor's next charity coffee morning, on Tuesday, February 16 from 10.30am - 12pm in the Civic offices, Barry, will raise funds for Nell's Point.

At the same time that this bad news hit us, the people of Llantwit Major and surrounding villages were facing the

Council to pay fees for learning support

UNISON Cymru Wales has welcomed the Vale Council's announcement that it is to pay the registration fees for its learning support workers after concerted lobbying by the union.

From April 2016, all learning support workers in Wales will be required to be registered with the Education Workforce Council (EWC). The registration fee is an annual payment of £15 per person.

Glenn Pappas, UNISON Vale of Glamorgan Branch Secretary, said: "This is great news and a testament to dedicated UNISON campaigning. A registration fee of £15 when you are on a low paid term time only contract is a lot of money for people to be expected to pay."

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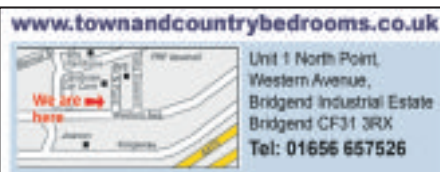
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Social care now facing a 'perfect storm' – warning

A SOCIAL care leader is calling on the Welsh Government to take urgent action to quell a 'perfect storm' threatening care homes and domiciliary care companies in the Vale of Glamorgan.

According to Care Forum Wales, the social care sector has been blighted by inadequate funding for many years.

Now, care homes and domiciliary care companies are facing a double whammy of having to pay staff a 30 per cent increase without knowing where the money is coming from.

Mario Kreft, chair of Care Forum Wales, said: "The social care sector is being caught up in a perfect storm that needs

to be addressed at the highest level. Social care should be treated as a sector of national strategic importance.

"The problems cannot be solved by local government and health boards – we need the Welsh Government to intervene.

"The NHS is under huge pressure, care home beds are being lost across Wales because of inadequate funding, there's a chronic shortage of nurses and vitally important domiciliary care companies are having massive recruitment problems.

"It's creating the environment where it is highly unlikely there will be many new care homes built in the future because the figures just don't stack up.

"On top of everything else, the issue of staff the



MARIO KREFT

living wage is looming large. There's absolutely no doubt that social care workers deserve the living wage and more but nobody has answered the question of how it's going to be funded.

"Introducing the national living wage over the next four years is going to represent a 30 per cent increase for many workers. This will ramp up all pay rates across the sector and this will have to be paid for.

"Most industries are able to pass such increases on to the customer. However, the overwhelming majority of people in care homes in Wales are supported by local authorities, and health boards who are having their budgets cut. That means there is just

no money to pay these increases. Something has got to give and I'm afraid it will plunge the social care sector into an even deeper crisis.

"Things are bad enough as they are with care and nursing homes closing because they are no longer viable and the evidence is plain for all to see.

"Take, for example, the issue of providing nursing care. The facts are that health boards pay £140 a week for full nursing care over and above the residential fee. Now that equates to £20 a 24-hour day, which is just 88p an hour and we are awaiting a Court of Appeal verdict on this.

"What can be expected when that is the resource? And yet health boards, local authorities and regulators carry on as though the money doesn't matter, and as if the resources are infinite.

"Society has to wake up to the fact that the social care in Wales should be a very positive economic contribution, not a purely negative one. Social care doesn't only provide the vital services that define our society but also real jobs with wages spent in

communities across Wales.

"This perfect storm could and should be used and navigated to our advantage. Action has to be taken at the highest political level, in government and right through local authorities and other public bodies.

"We've got to work collaboratively as a team, accepting and recognising the challenges we face and work at them together to make the best use of our resources.

"Today, what we're seeing is a trend of an ever-aging population, ever-increasing need with hospitals, the NHS generally and local authorities doing a magnificent job in very difficult circumstances.

"The recent exception of two care homes in North Wales is positive but there must be questions as to whether they would have got off the drawing board in the current climate, even though there is a real need for new care homes.

"We will not be forgiven if we miss this opportunity. We can really improve the situation significantly but only if there is the vision and the willingness to make it happen. We can only solve this by working together."

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John Davies gave the history of this organisation, explaining that its aim is to place a defibrillator next to every fire extinguisher in Wales. The organisation also provides free training in CPR and the use of a defibrillator.

Barry White, a first responder based in Cowbridge, then spoke about the use of a defibrillator. He answered many questions and several members practised using the defibrillator.

The evening finished with refreshments and the usual raffle. At the next meeting on February 8, Daniel Jenkins-Jones, of the RSPB, will speak about his work and the organisation.

Members were also reminded that the annual coffee morning will be held in the Lesser Hall on Saturday, February 27 at 10.30am. A warm welcome is extended to new members.

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HAVE you served in the Royal Navy, British Army or Royal Air Force and need some advice or help?

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Local training companies welcome £5m extra funding

APPRENTICES and training providers have welcomed the Welsh Government's award of an extra £5million for apprenticeships in Wales.

The Minister for Finance and Government Business, Jane Hutt AM, announced the additional funding of £5 million in 2016/17 during last month's Welsh budget.

The funding will support approximately an extra 2,500 apprenticeships across Wales. In more good news for adult learners, the Finance Minister also confirmed that funding for further education will be protected at its current level.

Simon Pirotte,

principal of Bridgend College, said: "It is very encouraging that during such austere times, Welsh Government has announced an additional £5million investment into the apprenticeship budget.

"At Bridgend College we see the tremendous economic and social value that apprenticeships bring to Wales on a daily basis. "This year, we have utilised additional apprenticeship funding to respond to employer demand and create brand new apprenticeship routes in veterinary nursing and sports turf management, whilst continuing to offer a range of engineering and construction apprenticeships."

CANCER ON THE RISE IN WALES ...but survival rates improve

MORE people are being diagnosed with cancer in Wales, but survival rates are at an all-time high, a new report on cancer care reveals.

The fourth all-Wales annual report for cancer sets out the progress made against the Welsh Government's Together for Health – Cancer Delivery Plan over the last 12 months and

identifies areas for future improvement.

It shows the number of people diagnosed with cancer is increasing. In 2013-14, 19,000 people were diagnosed with cancer, an increase of 11.5 per cent compared to 10 years ago.

The report also shows that despite this increase, in 2014-15, 28 per cent more people were seen, diagnosed and began treatment within the 62-day cancer waiting time target than five years ago.

Deputy Health Minister Vaughan Gething AM: "The Welsh NHS has again made tremendous progress in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. But there is no room for complacency when in Wales, in 2016 alone, almost 20,000 people will be diagnosed with cancer and around 8,000 will die. I look forward to seeing further progress being made in the fight against cancer."

NHS Wales chief executive Dr Andrew Goodall commented: "There are numerous excellent examples of cancer services improving throughout Wales. We already know the overwhelming majority of people have a positive experience of cancer care here, but our priority must be to achieve even better outcomes."

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Cherish your churchyard to mark the Queen's birthday

FROM mini beast safaris to guided tours – churches are being encouraged to hold community events in their churchyards to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

This year, Cherishing Churchyards Week – June 4-12 – coincides with the Queen's birthday, so the charity Caring for God's Acre hopes each parish will organise an activity to mark the unique occasion.

"We would love people to celebrate the Queen's birthday with activities during Cherishing Churchyards Week," said Andrea Gilpin, the event coordinator.

"There's no better way of involving people, young and old, than through events with a



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difference."

Events offered during Cherishing Churchyards Week could include activities for families such as a quiz, a mini beast safari, tree bingo, letter or leaf rubbing, making gargoyles out of clay.

Open days with guided tours are popular. Volunteer activity days such as making compost areas, scything or raking grass, memorial

recording, plant identification, geology, tree care or creative writing and art are also ideas for activities.

Caring for God's Acre's website at www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk has a wealth of information to support Cherishing Churchyards Week.

Visit the website for information on activities for young people, how to attract volunteers, health and safety and the Cherishing Churchyards Logo. Register your event and it can promote it through the website.

You could also register it by emailing queensbirthday@churchofengland.org.

recording, bramble clearing, nest box making could be organised. Special workshops in dry stone walling, memorial

Fall in local unemployment is welcomed

SOUTH Wales Central Assembly Member, Andrew RT Davies, has welcomed the news that unemployment has dropped across the Vale.

The latest figures for the Vale of Glamorgan show a 10 per cent drop being recorded in the number of unemployed people compared to the same time last year.

The leader of the Welsh Conservatives said: "The figures in the Vale of Glamorgan demonstrate the success of our long-term economic plan but as the situation with Tata Steel has demonstrated this week – there is still plenty of hard work to be done to secure the economic recovery."



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"The recent stormy weather has washed a lot of rubbish on to our

beaches, including a lot of fishing line, as you will see in the attached photograph," said FOBB organiser Claire Curtis.

"Discarded fishing lines can cause harm to both birds and marine wildlife. The volunteers who join the beach clean each month feel that they are making a real difference. All we ask for is an hour of your time to help keep the wonderful beaches of Barry litter free, so please come and join us".

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Website: chrisdyerfairs.co.ukMcKay's quirky financial drama
is a hugely impressive film...

FILMS about the financial crash of 2008 have been few, but have certainly been impressive, in particular JC Chandor's *Margin Call* – a weighty effort that was heavy on detail.

When it was announced that Adam McKay (director of *Anchorman*, amongst other comedies) was taking on Michael Lewis' non-fiction book about the crash, *The Big Short*, it was interesting to see how he would approach it, given his comedic background.

Certainly not short of a stellar cast, the film follows Michael Burry (Christian Bale), Mark Baum (Steve Carell), Jared Vennett (Ryan Gosling), Ben Rickert (Brad Pitt), Jamie Shipley (Finn Wittrock) and Charlie Geller (John Magaro), who all sense that the global economy is poised on the precipice of collapse.

Investing against the economy, they are thrown into the muddy, murky world of banking, knowing they could see themselves profit immensely from other people's

misfortune...

If terms like 'mortgage-backed security', 'collateralized debt obligation' and 'synthetic CDO' leave you scratching your head then have no fear, for *The Big Short* isn't about to lord its intellect over us lesser-minded folk.

Instead, thanks to Adam McKay's fizzy and impressive direction, and a script that manages to strike the fine balance of being clever and witty on such a serious subject matter, it's a film that deconstructs just why the world's economy fizzled out; and, while not being shy in blaming the bankers responsible, concentrates on those who could see it coming and were marginalised in their attempts to try and do something.

It's something of an anti-hero tale; after all, for all the protestations of these men, they still earned a pretty penny (or million) by instigating the 'big short' of the title, but it helps that the cast deliver such likeable, personable and well-tuned performances as the voices of reason.

Christian Bale's

Michael Burry is deeply impressive, the epitome of a man who is hitting is head against the brick wall of finance but whose obligations to his investors tears his loyalty, the actor essaying the character with aplomb.

Steve Carell (showing a further penchant for the dramatic after last year's *Foxcatcher*) is equally as good, his character's background impacting on his desire to do the right thing as the heart of the film; while Ryan Gosling is coolly shifty, less morally-driven than the others but the character is likeable by Gosling's smooth performance.

Brad Pitt's small role is executed well, while the lesser-known Finn Wittrock and John Magaro impress as idealistic young wannabes whose hunger and thirst for the financial sector land them smack bang in the middle of the economic maelstrom.

What lingers the most from this film, however, is Adam McKay's ascension from comedy director of note to someone more than capable of dealing in the world of the dramatic. Giving the



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staid, contentious subject matter, the film doesn't feel like an angry polemic against the world of banking, nor does it feel bogged down in detail. McKay's visual dexterity giving the film a pace and that works beautifully.

The small segments explaining some of the more trickier terms are delivered in a witty manner (Margot Robbie in a bubble bath explaining sub-prime

loans for example), while the more ludicrous elements of the narrative are underpinned by the fact that, incredibly and as we all know too well, they really happened.

While the film fizzles with energy and wit, it is weighted by the drama of the events leading to the crash and its impact.

While McKay doesn't lean too heavily on the human cost of what happened, examples of a family in risk of losing their house because of their landlord defaulting on his mortgage, or the stripper with five homes in danger of losing everything, showcase the human cost without overly labouring the point.

It seemed unlikely that you could make a film about something so terrible without

reverting to melodrama, but *The Big Short*'s ace card is that it doesn't play too much to type;

there are very few high-powered executives sweating over conference calls. Instead, by making the story more easy-going and looser, it plays to its strengths and delivers an impressive piece of work that is hugely watchable.

VERDICT: A triumph of style and substance, *The Big Short* takes a look at the economic crisis of 2008 and delivers something engaging, intelligent, witty and interesting.

Boosted by stellar turns from a wonderful cast (most impressively Christian Bale and Steve Carell), and shored up by Adam McKay's superb direction, this is a wonderful piece of cinema, getting under the detail to show the impact of what happened.

Essential viewing.
SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Margin Call* (2011), *The Wolf of Wall Street* (2013).

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THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D915.

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What's on / IN BRIEF

Cowbridge Art Society
ON Thursday, January 29
Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Penarth artist Shirley Anne Owen, who will give a demonstration of working methods with ink and acrylic.

Shirley Anne is a member of the Welsh Group – a select group of 42 professional artists working in Wales. She exhibits throughout south Wales and has paintings in private collections worldwide (www.shirleyanneowenartist.com).

On Thursday, February 17 we have Cardiff artist Paul Arnott who will give a demonstration of digital art.

The society meets each Thursday from 7pm – 9pm (occasional visitor's fee £3). No particular artistic ability is required to join, and non-artists interested in demonstrations of various media and illustrated lectures on different aspects of art history, are also welcome. For details of the society's activities see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

Bingo afternoon
THE management committee of Rhose Community Hall are holding the first fundraising bingo afternoon of 2016 on Saturday, January 30. The doors will open at 1.45pm at the Hall in Stewart Road for a 2.30pm start.

Refreshments will be provided at the half time break and a raffle will also be held. Come and join us for a fun afternoon.

See jhop106639@aol.com for details.

Tax help
TAXHELP for Older People (TOP)

is holding an income tax surgery on Monday, February 1 from 10am – 12pm at Roz Couzens' Chiropractic Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major CF61 1RB.

Free professional advice will be available to older people on a restricted income, and no appointment is necessary. To access TOP's helpline, telephone 0845 6013321 or 01308 488066; home visits can be arranged.

Fibromyalgia support
DO you suffer from fibromyalgia or have recently been diagnosed with this condition? Are you a carer looking after a loved one or relative with this condition, and looking for support groups available in your area?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a health topic session at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, February 2 from 10am to 12 noon.

No appointment is needed, you can just come along and have a chat to one of the local fibromyalgia group leaders. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Cancer charity auction
TOPSTAK will be the venue for a charity auction organised by the local Cancer Research UK group, on Wednesday, February 3 from 7pm – 9pm at Topstak's cafe in their Vale showroom.

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The owners, Richard and Caroline, have always been passionate about using local



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CRITICS hit out this week after an Assembly committee described sale of publicly-owned land in Wales as "disturbing" and "cavalier".

Welsh Conservative leader Andrew RT Davies AM said: "One of the sites included land in Rhoose which South Wales Land Developments bought from the Welsh Government for £3m, but subsequently sold for £10.5m with no claw-back.

"The public accounts committee's report on the Regeneration Investment Fund for Wales' (RIFW) land sale found there were major weaknesses in the oversight of the RIFW board by the Welsh Government.

"This report raises deep concerns over the enormous lack of care taken by Welsh Labour ministers in the establishment of the Regeneration Investment Fund for Wales," he claimed.

"Essentially, it

confirms what we feared all along; that Welsh Labour ministers effectively sanctioned the sale of public land in Rhoose for peanuts with little to no oversight.

"It's an absolute disgrace and in total, the sale across Wales is the largest financial loss to taxpayers under this inept Labour regime.

"Hard working taxpayers deserve better and the First Minister needs to act in light of serious failures by his Government, including giving serious consideration to the political future of those involved in the sale of this land," Mr Davies added.

The GEM put the remarks to the Welsh Government, which emphasised that £16.5m will be released for regeneration projects across Wales in the coming year.

A spokeswoman stated: "Following today's publication of the Public Accounts Committee's report into the Regeneration Investment Fund for Wales, it has been

agreed that the funding will be transferred from RIFW to the Welsh Government intended to be invested in future regeneration projects in line with the Welsh Infrastructure Plan priorities.

"The funding will be used to help to create jobs, increase housing supply and improve community facilities across Wales, although decisions on specific regeneration projects will be taken by the next administration following May's elections

"The Welsh Government has also confirmed the anticipated approval of Cardiff's Local Development Plan later this week will trigger contractually agreed payments on a former RIFW site in Cardiff, which based on current valuation, will result in a separate future funding boost of more than £11m.

"This is also in addition to £5m expected to be generated from another former RIFW site in Monmouth."

The Minister for Communities Lesley Griffiths said: "Today's PAC report marks the final chapter in the investigations around RIFW. We are now in a position to take steps to release this significant funding to benefit community regeneration projects across Wales.

"The triggering of further contractual payments in Cardiff and Monmouth should also generate significant additional funding for investment during the next Assembly term."

On Tuesday, First Minister Carwyn Jones apologised, telling AMs: "The way RIFW was managed fell well below the standards we would expect as a Government and for that we are sorry."

CRAFTS FAIR ON Saturday, March 19, a craft fair takes place at Trinity Methodist Church meeting rooms, Penarth from 10.30am-12.30pm.

Refreshments, cake stalls and a raffle will be held in Room 1, while the Woodland Place foyer and rooms 2 and 3 will be given over to tables for crafters to display and sell homemade crafts.

Entrance will be via the Woodland Place door only and will be £1.50 per person, to include refreshments.

Hire costs will be £10 for a 6ft table and £7 for a 4ft table, with profits donated to the Welsh Air Ambulance charity.

Contact Ceri-Lou at fundraising@trinitypenarth.org.uk or call Ro on 01446 701072.

Safer Vale team granted Criminal Behaviour Order by court

THE Safer Vale Partnership has been granted a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) for a 61-year-old man, Dennis Bracher.

It was granted at Cardiff Magistrates Court on January 12 and is an order which is available on conviction for any criminal offence by any criminal court, introduced by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (ABCPA 2014, s.22) with effect from October 20, 2014.

Mr Bracher has been a cause of anti-social behaviour within the Vale of Glamorgan since 2010. He received a two-year CBO after his continued anti-social behaviour persistently caused harassment, alarm and distress to the community in the Vale.

The CBO prohibits Mr Bracher as follows: Dennis Bracher will not consume alcohol in a public place in the Vale of Glamorgan that is not a public house or restaurant.

Inspector Naomi Drew of the Safer Vale Partnership said: "The Safer Vale Partnership is pro-actively working with the community by listening to their



DENNIS BRACHER.

concerns about those who cause anti social behaviour and taking positive action.

"This latest CBO is a clear demonstration that the Safer Vale Partnership is getting tough on those who display this type of behaviour to ensure that the Vale remains a safe place to live."

Deborah Gibbs, Safer Vale Manager, said: "If Dennis Bracher breaches this order, he will be arrested and placed before the courts, the courts can then decide if a prison sentence of up to five years is appropriate.

"The community's help in letting us know when or if these orders are broken is vital to their success. We would urge the public and local residents to ring 101 if they see him in breach of his CBO."

Tonicha organises charity gala dinner

MISS Wales Finalist Tonicha Harlow, from Wenvoe, has organised a charity dinner in aid of 'Beauty With A Purpose' which helps disadvantaged children.

Tonicha explained: "I'm really excited to announce the details of the three course gala dinner with live entertainment, which is being held at Park Inn Hotel by Radisson in Cardiff on Friday, March 4. Tickets are £35 and can be purchased via Paypal; tonichaharlow@gmail.com or alternatively via Eventbrite 'Miss Wales Finalist 2016 Charity Dinner. People can email me with any queries.

"I'm hoping to raise awareness of the Charity and money for this good cause. I also have sponsorship



Tonicha Harlow.

opportunities for a photo-booth company and photographer for the night and would welcome local businesses to contact me."

Voting for the Miss Wales 2016 title has opened and I would appreciate it if people would vote for me (WELSH 18). Details and terms and conditions can be found on my Facebook page.

Donate yarn to Ty Hafan DO you have any woollen yarn you no longer need? The Co-op, Cowbridge is collecting it and will hand it over to the Ty Hafan Crafters, who will make many different items to sell in their shop. The 'wool trolley' can be found by the cash machine in store.

Warning signs for Type-2 diabetes

WELL done to anyone near to completing Dry January, a great detox to start 2016 with!

The focus of this month's column is Type 2 diabetes and what we can do to help reduce our risks of succumbing to this debilitating condition.

Diabetes is a condition where the amount of glucose in your blood is too high because the body cannot use it properly. This occurs when your pancreas doesn't produce any insulin, or not enough insulin, to help glucose enter your body's cells – or the insulin that is produced does not work properly (known as insulin resistance).

There are 3.9 million people in the UK with diabetes and for 90 per cent of those it's Type 2.

Many people have Type 2 diabetes for years without realising because the early symptoms tend to be general.

So what are the common symptoms of diabetes?

Going to the toilet a lot, especially at night;

Being really thirsty;

Feeling more tired than usual;

Losing weight without trying to;

Genital itching or thrush;

Cuts taking longer to heal.

Blurred vision.

What are the long term health problems with diabetes?

It's the most common cause of vision loss and blindness in people of working age.

Diabetes is also responsible for most cases of kidney failure and lower limb amputation (other than accidents).

People with diabetes are up to five times more likely to have cardiovascular disease (such as a stroke) than those without diabetes.

So what can we do to try and prevent Type 2 diabetes?

Eat a healthy balanced diet; lose weight (if you are overweight); and maintain a healthy weight; stop smoking (if you smoke); drink alcohol in moderation; and take plenty of regular exercise.

To see what you can achieve, I would like to tell you about Richard Watson, a local gentleman who is 41.

Two and a half years ago, Richard found he was falling asleep inappropriately and suffered with urinary frequency and thirst. His doctor found glucose in his

by **KATE THOMAS**
Pharmacy Proprietor
at Sylvia Williams
Chemist, Cowbridge



ABOVE:
Kate with Richard Watson

urine and a high blood sugar level.

Richard was immediately put on a diabetic tablet called metformin. At this point he was 23 stone. Over the next two years, he made some dietary improvements and lost two and a half stone. His blood sugar dropped by half.

Encouraged by these results, he joined a weight watching group where, after 17 weeks, he lost another 4 stone.

His blood glucose is now at the low end of normal and his metformin medication has been reduced by half.

Under the guidance of his GP, Richard will be phasing the tablets out over the next few months.

Richard is an inspiration to us all and says he feels so much healthier. Most importantly, he can now have a race with his eight-year-old son Dominic when they are in the local park!

You can do a short test on <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Diabetes/Pages/Diabetes.aspx> to find out if you are at risk of diabetes.

There is lots of advice on this website and please call in and have a chat with your pharmacist if you have any concerns and they can tell you if you need to see your GP. *Before I sign off, I would like to remind anyone recently discharged from hospital to give your pharmacist a copy of your medication discharge sheet.*

With this, your pharmacist can liaise with your doctors to ensure you get all your appropriate medicines.

Ambulance chiefs asked to explain unacceptable delays



The Vale AM pictured at the meeting with Robert Tooby and Kevin Crowther.

WELSH AMBULANCE chiefs have been challenged to explain "unacceptable" response delays by the Vale AM Jane Hutt.

At urgent talks with head of operations Robert Tooby and Vale of Glamorgan locality manager, Kevin Crowther, last week she raised concerns, on behalf of her constituents, following two recent cases when there were "regrettable and unacceptable delays" in the Vale. She asked them to account for this. While recognising the pressures

the Ambulance Service is experiencing, she also called for an update on the western Vale paramedic pilot, which commenced on December 1 with the backing of Coun Gwyn John and the Llantwit Town Council.

Told that this service had undertaken 149 jobs in the first five weeks of operation, she will call for this to be approved as a new service for Llantwit and the western Vale to help prevent more delays.

Great sadness at death of Henry Worsley

by **MARIA LEIJERSTAM**

The Vale-based adventurer was the first person in the world to cycle to the south Pole.

It was with great sadness that I heard of the death of a fellow adventurer, Henry Worsley, on January 24.

Henry, who died in Chile, having been rescued only 30 miles from becoming the first person to complete an unsupported solo crossing of the Antarctic, was raising money for the Endeavour Fund.

Henry Worsley began his journey on Berkner Island, Antarctica, and embarked upon an ambitious goal – 100 years after Sir Ernest Shackleton's ill-fated Endurance trip – to complete the first-ever solo unsupported and unassisted crossing of the Antarctic landmass.

Having crossed Antarctica myself during December 2013, this tragic news really struck a chord. Antarctica is beautiful yet vicious, and any small mistake can cost a life.

Dehydration and exhaustion led to Henry's demise, and with the harsh Antarctic conditions, the human body doesn't have long to survive.

During my days on the polar plateau in driving snowstorms and

at minus 40 degrees, the urge to drink was not there, besides there was no available water source. Every time I was low on water, I had to stop cycling, erect my tent, and begin the arduous task of melting snow and ice to turn into water.

With Henry's ambition of reaching his goal, I can see how, even as an experienced adventurer, he would have wanted to push on to meet his goal.

Antarctica is a desert. There is very little precipitation in the atmosphere and in the snow, so dehydration is common. I remember having to melt approximately a cubic foot of ice to create one litre of water, which would take me about an hour.

Due to the geographical position of Antarctica, altitude sickness is accentuated at the South Pole, which is very detrimental to the human body and coupled with dehydration, the consequences are fatal.

All adventurers have one thing in common. We want to push boundaries and in doing so we near our limits. Unfortunately Henry found that limit.

'CLOSURES CASTING A CLOUD, BUT GOOD NEWS ON EDUCATION FRONT'

I WOULD like to begin by wishing everyone a successful and happy 2016. I start my column with some unwelcome news – I refer to the fact that NatWest Bank is pulling out of Llantwit Major, despite the protestations from residents and my cabinet colleague Coun Gwyn John, who has been fighting to keep it open. So much for the bank that wants to help families paying bills!

It was also with great concern that I received the news that Barry Post Office could close in a matter of months. This is

disappointing, not only for the many residents who use it and the staff employed at the branch, but also after so much hard work has been put into reviving Barry and its town centre by this council.

The closure of the post office could be a significant setback. Therefore, as the Leader of Vale of Glamorgan Council, I have already arranged a meeting with key figures within the Post Office to see what can be done to reverse this potential decision.

I intend to impress upon them my belief that Barry, as the largest town in Wales needs, and should retain, a main post office as it provides a vital service to the Vale of Glamorgan as a whole.

There have, however, been many

positives for the Vale in the first four weeks of 2016. January has seen work begin on the £2.9 million Coldbrook flood defence scheme for Barry, delivered by the Vale Council, with funding provided by Welsh Government, the European Regional Development Fund, Natural Resources Wales and the council.

The scheme will protect over 200 homes and three schools that were affected by flash flooding in July 2007. Construction work will inevitably cause some disruption to residents, and we would thank those affected for their patience as we work to protect the wider community from flooding.

The work should be completed by October, with updates being provided as the work progresses, in addition to the information available online at www.coldbrookflood.co.uk.

I am also pleased to confirm that the Welsh Government announced a new £1.96 million flood prevention scheme for Boverton and Llanmaes to begin in the next financial

VIEW FROM THE VALE



by Coun
NEIL MOORE
Leader of
the Vale of
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year, along with a commitment of over £250,000 from the Vale Council, something that this administration is proud to support as the area has suffered frequent flooding in recent years.

The work will reduce the risk to around 17 homes and businesses and also provide amenity improvements. The scheme will be built alongside and complement an existing project nearby in Llanmaes reducing risk to the wider area.

In addition to these investments, the council has also agreed a £900k investment into refurbishment at Barry Comprehensive School. This will include a range of interior and exterior

works which will see areas such as the main reception, pupils' toilets and the car park improved. We are carrying out the work, as our priority is to provide the best possible learning environments for pupils in the Vale, so I'm pleased we've been able to allocate funds for improvements at Barry Comprehensive.

These works target areas that will bring immediate benefit, creating a safer, more comfortable environment for pupils, staff and visitors alike.

On the theme of education, when our administration took control of the council we made a commitment to improve the standard of education in the Vale of

Glamorgan.

The scale of the task was clear soon after the election of 2012, when an Estyn inspection of the council's education department concluded that the performance of schools at key stages 2 and 3 was below the average for Wales and that performance in all key stages was weaker in 2012 than for the previous two years.

Since then, a huge amount of work has been undertaken by all concerned and I was absolutely delighted when earlier this month we were able to announce that following their recent inspection, Estyn found the council to have made the highest levels of progress possible since 2013. Our education department received the top two grades – either 'strong' or 'very good' – for their work towards each of the six recommendations made three years ago.

I would like to thank the staff both centrally, and in schools, for their outstanding work.

Since 2012, standards have improved across the board in the Vale's schools and in most

cases the level of improvement has been greater than even we had predicted. The Vale is now often ranked in the top three counties in Wales and standards at all schools inspected were judged to be either 'good' or 'excellent'.

The successes highlighted by Estyn have been a massive factor in the latest school categorisation results, announced this week, which find almost half of the schools in the Vale in the top group and more than three quarters of our schools in the top two (groups one and two).

Even more encouraging is that more than 80 per cent of the schools in the Vale have been rated as having the highest levels of potential for further improvement. So, not only are our schools some of Wales' best, the work of the last few years means they are likely to become even better.

I hope these recent successes will make us happy reading for parents and pupils as they did for me and my cabinet colleagues. Education is an issue

that we know is important to everyone and is something that the Vale Council will work at and continue to deliver.

I would also like to make reference to the artworks currently on display at the council's Art Central gallery in Barry, as the council observes Holocaust Memorial Day.

The Gallery is hosting a wide ranging exhibition entitled 'Don't Stand By: Flames for Humanity's Heroes'. Much of the artwork on display has been created by primary schools pupils from across the county, with support from the council's arts development team and a local artist.

The result is a powerful tribute to a number of very difficult issues and is a real credit to the young people involved. Entry to the gallery is free and the exhibition is on display until the end of February. I would highly recommend it.

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Holocaust Memorial Day marked with exhibition



THE Art Central gallery in Barry is hosting a wide-ranging exhibition entitled 'Don't Stand By: Flames for Humanity's Heroes', to mark Holocaust Memorial Day 2016, which was commemorated yesterday (Wednesday, January 27).

The Vale of Glamorgan Council's arts development team worked with Barry-based artist and teacher Nicola Tucker, and with primary schools across the county, to create an inspirational display of both children's and professional artists' work.

The focus of the exhibition is an installation which sees pupils' pledges 'never to stand by' in the face of suffering, incorporated into acetate flames which hang from the ceiling.

Accompanying the artwork is a thought-provoking and powerful short film produced by award-winning film maker and photographer Josephine Sowden and featuring pupils from the Cadoc Primary School in Barry.

The film has been supported by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust and is one of 12 selected art works from across the UK that will be on show at the International Holocaust Memorial event in London.

In addition to Vale-wide activities, pupils at Llangan Primary School created their own 'Buddy Bench' in line with the 'Don't Stand By' theme, which will also be on display at the gallery.

'Don't Stand by: Flames for Humanities

Heroes' can be seen at the Art Central Gallery, Town Hall, King Square, Barry, until Saturday, February 27. The gallery is open from Monday to Friday 10am-4pm and Saturday 10am-3.30pm.

For further information about this and forthcoming exhibitions visit: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/artcentral.

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VALE OF GLAMORGAN Building Excellence Awards 2016



BUILDERS and developers who use the building regulation service of the Vale of Glamorgan Council will be attending the 13th Building Excellence Awards dinner organised through the Building Control Group of the council at The Vale Resort Golf Club, Hensol on Friday, January 29.

Nominations for the awards are made by the council's Building Control Surveyors, who are responsible for the supervision of the projects as they progress on site, through to the completion of the work.

Coun Fred Johnson, the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, stated: "This is the thirteenth successive year of the 'Building Awards' and I have great pleasure in providing recognition to builders and developers who are determined to provide a high-quality customer-orientated service. The nominations go to show yet again that there are several excellent examples of high-quality construction projects that have been undertaken within the Vale of Glamorgan. Ensuring that buildings are constructed in accordance with current building regulations requires a very high standard of workmanship, and the builders nominated this year have proved that they can meet this requirement. I hope we continue to build upon the success of last year's event, when one of our winners went forward to represent Wales at The National Awards, in London, as a finalist."

Victoria Robinson, Operational Manager of Development Services, said: "Building Regulations have a key role whenever you decide to make alterations, extend or construct new buildings. With recent changes to the planning process and the devolution of the Building Regulations to the Welsh Assembly, reducing carbon emissions and improving performance and energy efficiency is at the front of the development process."

"Everyone has a part to play in conserving energy and reducing carbon emissions, whether we are homeowners seeking to extend our homes, or developers taking forward a major new scheme. Changing the way we construct buildings to make them more sustainable will be a big challenge for all involved in the industry."

Director of Regeneration & Planning, Marcus Goldsworthy, emphasised: "Development of any size has a major impact on the day-to-day lives of people who are undertaking building projects. Ultimately, it is the builder who has the major responsibility in satisfying not only the customer's needs, but also of meeting the terms of the legislation. The 'Building Awards' will provide all those involved with well deserved recognition for consistently carrying out work of a high standard."

THANKS

The Vale of Glamorgan Council would also like to thank all the sponsors of this event, without whom it would not be possible to recognise the builders and developers, whose quality of work is making a positive difference to the environment of the Vale of Glamorgan.

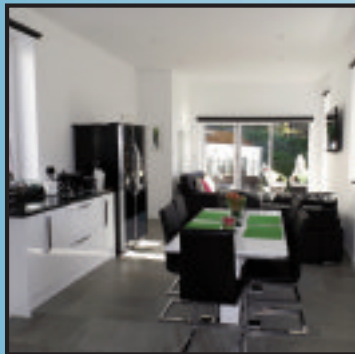
The sponsors are:- Nina Estate Agents from Barry, ACD Skip & Recycling from Bridgend, The Vale Resort, Hensol, Ivorfire, Jewsons and The GEM.

Winners of the Vale of Glamorgan event will go forward to the LABC South Wales Building Awards dinner that will be held at the Vale of Glamorgan Golf & Spa Resort, Hensol, on Friday April 29.

The ultimate achievement can be recognised at national level, where the winners of the All Wales event will be nominated into the LABC National Building Awards, which will include nominations from most of the local authorities throughout Wales and England, which will be held in London in October.

CRITERIA REQUIRED:

- **Compliance with Building Regulations and energy efficiency**
- **Supplying and managing information (giving of notices and information relative to the work)**
- **Speed of fault rectification**
- **Site environment, safety and storage of materials (so as not to be detrimental to their use)**
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Address:

**1, OLD BARRY ROAD,
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Agent/Architect:

Willis & Hole ArchitectsContractor: **Martin Grindill****- BrickFlair****Proposal: Two-storey extension to existing residence, consisting of a garage, dining room, master bedroom, en suite and****external swimming pool.**

The builder has been in continuous communication with Building Control throughout the scheme, ensuring that suitable inspections have been carried out.

The completed build has resulted in a high-quality extension, adding that extra wow factor to an already superb building.

Address: **12, ROMILLY AVENUE, BARRY**

Contractor:

Steve James - S. J. Builders

An excellent example of a 'wrap around' three-storey side and rear extension, comprising high ceilings to match the existing Victorian design - coupled with modern finishes, including aluminium and glass.

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This application was submitted in a 'Full Plans Format' aiming to provide a unique contemporary extension to a traditional, detached cottage-style property.

The materials of the external finish include smooth cement render, cedar cladding, and large glazed doors. The builder maintained regular contact with Building Control in order to confirm full compliance with the regulations.



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Address:

58 PORTHKERRY ROAD, RHOOSE

Agent: **Connections Design**

Contractor: **Mike Guthrie Building Solutions**

Proposal: Raise roof to accommodate first floor with three bedrooms, bathroom and en-suite. Rear extension to enlarge kitchen area with general refurbishment works.

During construction, the client has credited the builder with giving excellent service in terms of efficiency, customer care and quality. From a construction perspective, the contractor showed great foresight when the build was not going to plan and was able to quickly rectify any structural issues.

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169, PLYMOUTH ROAD, PENARTH

Agent/Contractor: **JVS Properties**

Proposal: Single-storey, front extension, two-storey side extension, plus new roof structure.

The proposal is for a number of extensions added to the existing detached house, to create a new kitchen dining room, additional bedrooms with balcony, bathroom – after removing the existing sub-standard flat roof dormers.

The builder has kept Building Control informed at the various stages of work, which has resulted in a superb modern building.

Address:

117, WESTBOURNE ROAD, PENARTH

Agent/Contractor: **Nick Wall**

Proposal: Extension to rear lounge/kitchen/dining area. Alteration to roof, to incorporate two dormers, conversion of garage.

The proposal was to substantially upgrade the existing bungalow, by the addition of an extension, including two dormers and converting the existing garage.

The builder has kept in contact with Building Control, resulting in a very high standard throughout.

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Address:

**THE RISE, 1 HIGHWALLS
END,
DINAS POWYS**

Agent/Contractor:

**Paul Jennings c/o PJ
Building Services**

Proposal: Single-storey garage extension with first floor extension for bedroom, en-suite, home office and bespoke glass room/conservatory.

The scheme consists of two, two-storey extensions at either end of the existing house. The first is a double-storey conservatory with an internal balcony leading from the first floor master bedroom to spiral stairs and on to the ground floor living space.

The builder has been in contact throughout, keeping Building Control informed at each stage, which has resulted in a very high standard build.

Address: **GER Y MOR, OGMORE BY SEA**Agent/Architect: **Barry Mayled**Contractor: **Gwyn G. Jones & Sons Ltd**

Proposal: Remodelling of bungalow.

This application was submitted in a 'Full Plans Format' aiming to provide a minor extension, but significant re-modelling of an existing bungalow. The result of the building works has seen a complete transformation of the living space by providing a large kitchen, sitting room and games room with substantial glazing to the south elevation, thus maximising the benefit of the sea views over the Bristol Channel.

The Builder maintained regular contact with Building Control, particularly during the installation of the steelwork arrangement which created the open-plan kitchen area.



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**TY NEWYDD
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Partnership**Contractor: **Anthony
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Work to this property involved four phases of building operations: conversion of a carport, re-arrangement of first floor accommodation, a large kitchen/living room extension, and a small loft conversion to an existing annexe. All applications were submitted in 'Full Plans Format'.

The chosen contractor who was employed for all four phases, and kept in regular contact with Building Control, has previously won a national award.



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Address:

CHURCH FARM, WELSH ST. DONATSContractor: **Mr. Keith Glaister**Agent: **Mr. Ray Baker**

The proposals were to demolish and replace a dilapidated farmhouse. The new design and build had to be carefully considered, due to its location – adjacent to St. Donat's Church which is a grade II listed building.

The work was carried out by local tradesmen and supervised by the owners and their architect in liaison with the building control officer.

The completed scheme has created a one-off house of exceptional quality with high standards of workmanship from the tradesmen employed.

Address: **OLD VICARAGE, BONVILSTON**Contractor: **Mr. Brian Toutt**

This application was submitted in a 'Full Plans Format', in order to provide a new dwelling on the site of the former 'Old Vicarage'.

The existing dwelling was considered to be structurally unsound and demolished. Much of the stonework from the existing dwelling was salvaged for re-use.

Severe planning restrictions limited the envelope size of the new dwelling to match that of the original dwelling.

The result is a property full of character, built to an extremely high standard for the developer's own family accommodation. Regular contact with Building Control was maintained at all stages of the construction.

Address: **46 MARINE DRIVE, BARRY**Agent: **Peter Jenkins Architects**Contractor: **PMS Building & Maintenance Contractors**

The biggest challenge for PMS contractors was to transfer the architect's plans onto the site following demolition of the original property.

The ground floor footprint was curved, and the garage had been set at a 49° angle to the house. In addition, the first floor master bedroom had to be squared off and cantilevered over the curve of the kitchen wall.

PMS Construction stated they had "a very good working relationship with Building Control, which included same day site inspections when requested. This allowed the contract to move forward without delay. Any site issues were discussed and practical solutions were always found".



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This project involves the erection of 87 residential units, comprising 2,3,4 and 5 bedrooms, both 2 and 3 storey dwellings with affordable housing and associated infrastructure. The finish has been a mixture of face brick and render which has complemented the surrounding area.

There has been excellent communication between the site manager and Building Control, with any defects being immediately rectified.

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NEW SOCIAL HOUSING

Address: **FORMER MARINE HOTEL,
BARRY ISLAND, BARRY**

Agent: **Tony King Architects**

Contractor: **Pendragon Design and Build**

The proposed works was to change the use of a prominent existing public house within a well-established residential area to affordable rental accommodation, which also included the provision of new build units within the existing car park.

The contractors maintained contact with Building Control throughout all stages of construction, and ensured constant compliance with their health and safety regime, to produce a development of an extremely high standard.



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Newydd is delighted that Ger y Môr, Barry Island and Ty'r Barnewr, Ty'r Gyfraith and Y Meinciau at the site of the former Barry Magistrates Court have been nominated in the Building Control awards. Thank you to our contractors Pendragon Design and Build and Jehu Project Services respectively.

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Agent: **Tony King Architects**

Contractor: **Jehu**

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CONVERSION TO SMALL COMMERCIAL**Address:****HENSOL CASTLE, VALE OF GLAMORGAN RESORT, HENSOL****Applicant/Agent & Contractor:****LEEKES VALE RESORT**

Proposal: Conversion of former castle to conference centre.

The site relates to the Grade I Listed castle and attached courtyard range, the Grade II Listed Hensol Bridge and associated extensive buildings which were formerly in use as a conference centre and hospital. It will involve several stages of construction to achieve its full transformation to hotel/conference centre for this Grade 1 listed castle.

The work was carried out by a number of tradesmen who are directly employed by the owners, also supervised by the owners and their architect, in liaison with the building control officer

This part of the completed scheme has created an exceptional high quality example of high standards of workmanship displayed by tradesmen employed during the scheme.

CONVERSION TO APARTMENTS**Address: THE PUMP HOUSE, WATERFRONT, BARRY****Contractor: Simon Baston c/o D S Properties****Agent: WYG Planning & Environment**

As this is a listed building the developer was restricted to what he could change structurally both internally and externally. Planning and CADW had insisted that some of the internal industrial machinery had to remain within the unit which caused issues with appropriate fire, thermal and sound resistant levels to attain compliance with Building Regulations.

The developer, contractor and Building Control worked closely, along with a team of experts in sound and fire to develop one-off detailing around the retained listed items to achieve good levels of resistance, reflected in the very good test results lodged with Building Control.



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Nominations for Site Supervisors



Steve Northam –
Channel Heights, Rhoose



Rob Boyd –
Oakfield Primary School, Barry
and Llantwit Major School

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Nominations: Steve Northam & Rob Boyd.

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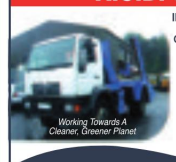
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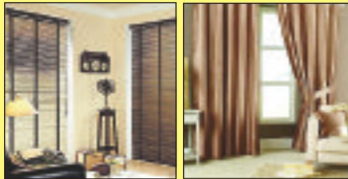


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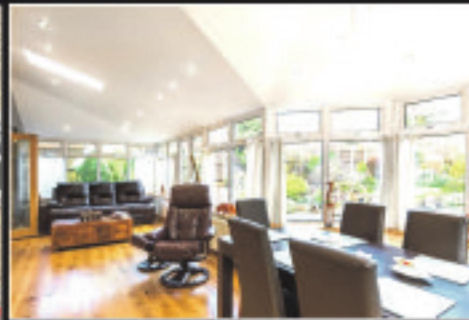
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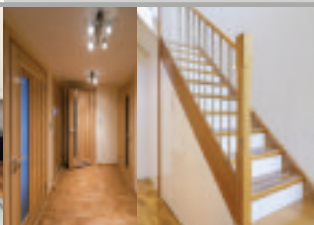


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Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

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Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/01347/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction of five new two storey dwellings at rear of Windhover and reconfiguration of car park to the Star Public House. Proposals involve the demolition of a single storey garage
Location:/Lleoliad: Rear of Windhover, Mount Road, Dinas Powys

Conservation Area/
Ardal Gadwraeth Dinas Powys

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/01492/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of two new semi detached houses

Location:/Lleoliad: Windhover, Mount Road, Dinas Powys

Conservation Area/
Ardal Gadwraeth Dinas Powys

Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/01091/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Replacement of one arched window in the Town Clerk's office on a like for like basis
Location:/Lleoliad: Town Hall, 21, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade 2*

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/01500/OUT
Proposal/Cynnig: Erection of two dwellings including access and parking
Location:/Lleoliad: Land rear of 6, Salmons Wood, Graig Penllyn

Departure from Development Plan/ Gwyro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/01482/OUT
Proposal/Cynnig: 2 detached 4-bedroom open-market houses and 8 detached and semi-detached 2 and 3-bedroom local needs houses
Location:/Lleoliad: Land adjacent to Brook Farm, Llanmaes, Llantwit Major

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/01500/OUT
Proposal/Cynnig: Erection of two dwellings including access and parking
Location:/Lleoliad: Land rear of 6, Salmons Wood, Graig Penllyn

Application(s) with environmental Statement / Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

Proposed development at Land south of Cog Road, Sully. FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED

I give notice that Taylor Wimpey plc applied on 24 December, 2013 to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission for Residential development with associated access and associated works (max 350 dwellings).

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement at a charge from Savills, 12 Plas Windsor, Cardiff. CF10 3BY so long as stocks last.

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Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2015/00852/FUL
Location:/Lleoliad: Home Farm, land west of Drope Road, St. Georges Super Ely
Proposal/Cynnig: Installation of small scale c. 3MW ground mounted photovoltaic solar arrays with inverter houses; switchgear cabin, internal access track, landscaping; fencing; security measures; access gate and ancillary infrastructure

Decision/
Penderfyniad: 14 January, 2016

Documents and details of the decision, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision was based may be inspected free of charge in the:

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Dated / Dyddiedig: 28 January, 2016

V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning, Vale of Glamorgan Council,
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NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

Datblygiad arfaethedig yn Land south of Cog Road, Sully. RHAGOR O WYBODAETH I LAW

Hysbysir twy hyn Taylor Wimpey plc n gwneud cais ar 24 Rhagfyr, 2013 i Gyngor Bro Morgannwg am Ganiatâd Cynllunio am Residential development with associated access and associated works (max 350 dwellings)

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PENARTH HOCKEY CLUB ROUND-UP

PENARTH Hockey Club's first XI returned to winning ways to tighten their grip on top spot in the De Cymru & The Marches 1 division of the GoCrea8 Hockey League, but there wasn't such good news for the club's other two teams.

PENARTH 4, CARDIFF UNIVERSITY 'A' 1
A week on from suffering their first league defeat to Swansea City, Penarth could have been forgiven for hoping for an easier opponent than second-placed Cardiff University in their next match, but there was no avoiding the top-of-the-table 'six-pointer' as they tried to get back to winning ways.

The task ahead was made bigger by the absence of joint top scorer David Joyce and the ever-present Philip Lane.

Those fears proved well-founded as the students came flying out of the blocks, setting a fast early pace as they pressed Penarth's defence aggressively.

Midway through the half, the visitors finally showed signs of slowing, while Penarth exhibited signs of emerging from the hangover of defeat and, perhaps against the run of play, the Vale side opened the scoring through a fizzing Laith El-Khatib drag flick.

Buoyed by the goal, the Bears started to take control of the game and University frustrations began to boil over. After a string of cynical challenges, the students collected a yellow card but, with Penarth having been made to wait through the interval before trying to exert their numerical advantage, it was the visitors turn to strike against the run of play as a penalty corner that appeared to be heading above the legal height of the back board was skilfully deflected back below the mark, levelling the scores.

With the next goal likely to prove crucial, it was Penarth who struck through El-Khatib, retaking the lead barely a minute later to knock the wind out of the students' sails.

The University were now out on their feet as they started to suffer from their early pace, and El-Khatib turned provider by finding Jonny Moore at the back

post for a simple tap-in.

Although Penarth would have to rely on Putt's lightning reactions in goals one more time the home side would go on to wrap the game up as El-Khatib completed his hat-trick, this time finishing on his reverse stick to leave the scoreline at 4-1 to the Bears.

PENARTH 'A' 2

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY 'B' 6

Penarth's second XI returned to action for the first time since December 16 - and it showed in possibly the side's worst performance of the season.

Defensive errors allowed the University to twice take the lead, sandwiching a David Kidby penalty strike that briefly brought the sides level midway through the first half.

Although Penarth again brought the scores back to parity when Chris McCarthy finished off one of the Vale side's rare passing moves, it was the visitors that went into the break on top when two uncharacteristic mistakes between the sticks allowed identical penalty corner strikes to make the interval score 2-4.

Penarth's cause was not helped by a lack of self-discipline in some areas, but that aside, the Bears still felt that they could overcome the two-goal deficit in the second period should they be able to put their usual game together.

The performance improved after the break, but a lack of composure in front of goal saw vital chances go begging and, as the home side pushed forward in their attempt to reduce the margin, the University were able to hit them on the break. Two further goals left the final score 6-2 in the students' favour, putting a serious dent in both Penarth's points tally and goal difference advantage.

WHITCHURCH 'F' 3

PENARTH 'B' 0

Any plans Penarth Bees may have had to contain the runaway De Cymru 3 leaders were thrown in to disarray when a 'no show' and an injury reduced them to a squad of just 12 players, including debutant Tom Griffiths.

The situation was then further compounded when

sweeper Phil Rumsam was forced to leave the pitch with a hamstring strain midway through the first half.

It was all the more remarkable then that Penarth produced their most battling performance of the season in holding the usually high-scoring Whitchurch side to a 3-0 scoreline that earned high praise from opposition and umpires alike.

Penarth goalkeeper Jason Harris was outstanding throughout, earning his second successive man-of-the-match award, and Penarth were unfortunate not to convert at least one of the numerous chances they fashioned on the break.

The senior team travel to Cirencester in the return fixture of a home match that the Vale side won 11-0; the thirds, meanwhile, go from one extreme to the other as they host bottom side Trinity St Davids looking for a positive result in their bid to secure the runner-up slot in De Cymru 3.

YOUTH TEAMS

Penarth Boys under-13s played an indoor tournament at Y-Pant School and, despite the majority of the squad not having played the indoor game before, improved in both confidence and tactical awareness with every game.

Penarth had to play their toughest game first up, taking on an older and more experienced Gwent 'A' side.

Penarth were initially caught out by the sheer speed of the game and went 2-0 down early on, but

new goalkeeper Kavan Kalsi-Lucas began to show real potential as he kept Penarth in the game.

Elys Johnson had a goal disallowed as Penarth made some dangerous attacks, but it was Gwent who added the only other goal of the game, going on to win 3-0.

Penarth then faced Bridgend. The Vale side began brightly but Bridgend scored two quick goals against the run of play; however, Penarth continued to press forward and their patience paid off when Iwan Meddins pulled a goal back and, when Meddins scored again in the dying seconds - following a superb pass from Lewis Ingram - Penarth earned themselves a share of the spoils.

The third game of the morning was against Gwent 'B' and showed the best of the Penarth side, Johnson scoring twice to give Penarth the victory.

Radyr provided the opposition in the final game, and both teams proved evenly matched. Radyr took the early lead, but Penarth struck back as Pryde produced an excellent pass from midfield to find Ethan Kneale, and he slotted the ball away to bring the sides level.

Despite chances as both ends, the 1-1 scoreline remained unchanged to the final whistle.

For more information on the club, contact either player-coach Ben Croxall (b_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk) or club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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YMCA gymnastic club – 'proud of achievements'



PICTURED: Mercedes, Hana, Keeyah, Millie, Jessica, Azaria, Nia, Paige and Lottie with all their winnings from the South Central Wales Championships.

YMCA Barry are extremely proud of the gymnastic club's accomplishments at the end of 2015.

We currently have over 600 members taking part - including gymnastics for pre-school children, classes for boys and girls and rhythmic gymnasts.

Sammi Morgan (11), who is a part of our male elite squad qualified to represent Wales at the 2015 men's elite grade finals for under 11s.

He competed against the best in Britain and won team gold for Wales. This is the first team gold medal Wales has ever won at the elite grading championships.

To everyone's delight Sammi was third in the physical preparation programme out of all the competitors in Great Britain. This programme is designed to test the gymnast's strength and flexibility ready for when they progress to more senior levels of competitions.

Dex Trivett also had an excellent outing in the British under-14s championships who

placed 12th in Great Britain out of 60 competitors.

There was further success from our male artistic gymnasts at the Welsh school and vault championships.

Josh Cook was the Welsh under-16 floor and vault champion, and Charlie Watkins become the Welsh under-8s floor and vault champion.

YMCA Barry under-12s team also took a silver medal. Our female artistic gymnasts are also going from strength to strength and had fantastic results in the annual elite levels and 5, 6 and 7 year old medal championships. Our five-year-olds impressed with Azaria Karim winning fifth overall, with Daisy Hill from our seven-year-old team coming second overall.

In the elite levels, Hana Davies secured second overall in Level 6 and Millie claimed fifth overall in Level 7, with the team winning the gold.

The rhythmic section of the club have had many successes over the last few months, particularly when six of

our gymnasts were invited onto the elite 'Future Hopes' programme.

As a club we aim make it possible for our gymnasts to achieve an elite level, but we also ensure that all our members achieve their full potential at whatever level that may be. YMCA Barry held their first club competition, which resulted in 200 of our gymnasts competing in our Christmas competition, aged from four to 15.

All of the children had a fantastic day and the opportunity to compete with their peers and demonstrate to their parents the skills they had been learning. We had a number of fantastic volunteers throughout the day helping with the smooth running of the competition and fundraising. We are looking to run a number

of other events to help with our club fundraising target to refit and refoam our pit.

With so many successes throughout the last couple of months from our gymnasts, our year was finished on a high. Iwan Mepharm, one of our senior male elite gymnasts was named as Welsh Men's Artistic Gymnast of 2015, demonstrating his years of hard work being recognised.

We are continually trying to increase the number of gymnastic classes. Our latest venture is into cheerleading which will begin in February. If you would like any information about any of our gymnastics or cheerleading classes, call 01446 724001 or email sophie@ymcabarry.org.uk.

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Bridgend Blue Bulls take on long distance Challenge

BRIDGEND Blue Bulls admit that they've had a frustrating preparation for their Ladbrokes Challenge Cup first round at Egremont Rangers in Cumbria this Saturday (kick-off 3.30pm).

With the Cumbrian side unable to host the match on the Sunday, the Welsh Conference champions have been forced to make a round trip of over 600 miles on the day of the game, and are expected to be on the road for about 12 hours all told.

But the Bulls will travel in the knowledge that such a journey has been done by a Welsh side in the Challenge Cup before.

Sixteen seasons ago, Cardiff Cougars travelled up

to Durham, leaving at 6am, travelling on a 16-seater minibus, getting there 45 minutes before kick-off, and then went on to win 36-6.

That Cardiff side reached the Third Round of the Cup only to go out to Keighley Cougars and it will give inspiration to Bulls' team manager Steve Smith who will hope his side can emulate this famous run.

Smith said: "It's been a frustrating two weeks since the draw - especially in regards to trying to arrange a date and time that both sides are happy with."

"We will have had six training sessions in the last three weeks and due to various player commitments, we've struggled to get our Grand Final team all on the field at the same time."

"However, I'm confident the side we will have selected is as strong as possible. We will be on the road from 6am and returning hours or so after the game. We're hoping to make the second round and a home draw to give our supporters who are unable to make the long trip, a chance to see some Challenge Cup action in Pyle."

The Bulls have entered the Challenge Cup for the first time but the town of Bridgend has a long Cup history.

This match, the 71st to feature a Welsh side in the Challenge Cup, comes 31 years to the weekend that the old Bridgend Blue Dragons played their only Challenge Cup tie in that guise, losing 68-6 at Leeds.

Plus, during the four years that Celtic Crusaders played in Bridgend, they brought Challenge Cup rugby to the Brewery Field three times, twice against Russian side Lokomotiv Moscow.

But now in 2016, the current crop of Bridgend based Rugby League players will hope to write some history of their own in Cumbria this Saturday.

IAN GOLDEN

SULLY SPORTS RFC NEWS

SULLY Sports RFC are back in action on Saturday, January 30, kick off 2pm, meet at the clubhouse at 1pm, where they are at home to Cathays RFC, while the seconds fixture is to be confirmed.

This Friday, January 29, the bi-monthly reunion of players/members will be at Dinas Powys RFC starting at 7.30pm. Although attended, in the main, by the club's older members, any Sully Sports player/member is most welcome.

For Wales v Scotland tickets, please collect and pay as soon as possible from P Mees.

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Porthcawl RFC junior results round-up

UNDER-7s (two games): Porthcawl 8, Pencoeed 4. Porthcawl 23, Penarth 4.

Under-8s: Porthcawl lost 15 tries to 10 against Pencoeed, and also played Old Penarthians and we lost 12 tries to 8.

Under-9s (two games): Pencoeed 2, Porthcawl 3, and Old Penarthians (green) 2, Porthcawl 3.

Gareth Mahoney Under-10s: Pencoeed 30, PRFC 15. Penarth 30, PRFC 0.

THERE were two games at Pencoeed on a very mild and surprisingly dry day.

Against Pencoeed, both teams went about their tasks with Pencoeed (in my opinion) lucky to be 15-0 up at half time. At half time the team weren't happy with their own performances and were reminded of our focus on passing.

The second half much better, with all round effort matching the half at 15-15 with a much wider approach to attack to give Pencoeed the game at 30-15.

In the second match we lost 30-0 to a very well-drilled Penarth team who kept sending in wave after wave to attack. A much better performance from everyone despite injury issues, general fatigue and our lack of numbers.

When we passed, we looked like we really could open up defences and scored three very good tries in doing so. There is room for improvement in all areas and this is what we'll focus on in the weeks to come.

Tackler, Will Thomas-Parker. Rucker, Corban Ford. Passer, Luis Mullins. MVP, Zander Kale.

Jason Parker.

Swimming club's 90th AGM celebrated with awards



Sully's title hopes dented

SULLY Indoor Bowls Team travelled to the Rhondda Valley on Saturday to play Rhondda IBC in the championship, with an outside chance of maintaining their league title.

This game was important to Rhondda, as they were in prime position to win the league should they beat Sully and win their last game against Ogwr; and on current form they should obtain a minimum 18 points enough possibly to win the title.

Once again Sully had to produce two three-rink teams one for morning session and one for the afternoon session due to Rhondda having just a

four rink stadium.

Sully were two skips short, with Martin Clarke-Squires playing in the Champion of Champions and Matthew Woodcock unavailable but Chris Ackland was available to return to ease selection issues.

The morning rinks skipped by regulars Brian Griffiths and Brian Foscolo were joined by Steve Close who was given an opportunity to skip after some good performances in previous games.

After the first five ends Sully held a seven shot lead due to Close's rink getting off to a flying start and holding an eight shot advantage at this stage and after 10 ends, the Sully players were continuing to play well and were still holding the advantage by

six shots. As the game continued to end 15, the rinks of Close and Foscolo were ahead by nine and five respectively, but Griffiths's rink had fallen behind by nine shots but Sully still held an overall five shot lead.

Over the final six ends Griffiths's rink dropped a further nine shots to lose their game 9-27, while Close supported by Phil Gershenson, Clive Collins and Mel Newman continued their good form to win comfortably by 26-11.

Foscolo's rink of Cogbill, Eastment and Doyle held the advantage throughout the game and were four ahead when Foscolo played a driving wood which worked out perfect making a five but this was nullified on the next end when the Rhondda skip took a Sully bowl out leaving six to the home team.

Foscolo's rink held their nerve to run out winners by 27-24 leaving the overall score at the halfway stage at 62 apiece giving every opportunity to the afternoon rinks.

The Sully afternoon rinks were up against some strong Rhondda rinks but were hopeful of pinching a result.

Once again Sully had a skip in Dave Curtis making his championship debut in this position, with Fred Phillips and Chris Ackland skipping the other rinks.

The rinks of Phillips and Ackland got off to a good start unfortunately Curtis's rink dropped ten shots in the first four ends and were 10-1 down at the end of the fifth with little between the other rinks.

As the game

progressed to the end of the 10th Ackland's rink were competing well and were just two shots down, while Curtis' rink were rallying a little, 5-12 down with Phillips' rink beginning to struggle against some fine bowling by Welsh international Mark Thomas and were now behind 7-16 and Sully with a deficit of 18 shots.

Sully's rinks were being out bowled by the Rhondda rinks and by the 15th end the deficit had grown to 21 shots.

The result was becoming ominous as Phillips's rink had no answers to the opposition play and finally lost 13-25 but Ackland's rink dug deep and fought all the way losing by just two shots.

The one shining light in the afternoon's play was the performance of Curtis' rink of Andy Morgan, Roy Richards and Mat Gershenson after being 10 down in the early stages, they fought all the way winning the last five ends to force a draw, 18-18.

The final result was an overall win for Rhondda by 129-115 with 17 points to the home side and five to Sully.

Sully have one more Championship game left against Taff Ely on Saturday, February 6, and with Taff Ely currently top of the league Sully could have an influence the final table.

This is followed the quarter-final of the Knock Out Cup on February 7, away to Cynon Valley. **FP**

Barry cricket club's nets

BARRY Athletic Cricket Club youth section start their indoor training winter training this Sunday, January 17 at the Colcot Sports Centre from 2pm to 3pm.

All are welcome, old and new; come along and enjoy the beautiful game in a nice relaxed and friendly atmosphere!



AT Barry Amateur Swimming Club's 90th AGM and presentation evening in Brynhill Golf Club on January 23, the chairperson welcomed life members Mr Mike Looker, Mrs Teresa Wheeler and Mrs Trudi Phillips, Elaine Romain and Stephanie Cody.

It was with regret that it was announced life member Mr Geoff Doonan had passed away recently.

The club attended the first Arena League Gala in Newport in October, but due to circumstances, had to withdraw from the two later Arena League Galas. The club has been involved in this gala since 2006 and it is hoped to be able to compete again within the next two years.

We currently have twice as many girl members as boys, as some of the latter have left due to study commitments, but we hope that these members will remain with the club to help us regain our competitive swimming. A reminder was also given of the excellent training sessions available in Cardiff International Pool on a Thursday night, as well as the sessions in Barry.

Several of our trained coaches left the club in 2014, and although we have had a few training courses since then, many more qualified coaches are needed. It is hoped that more parents will be willing to step up to help



poolside. All our coaches are parents who have volunteered to help and as always we need more volunteers.

Another position which will need a volunteer as soon as possible is that of gala and event contact person and team manager contact, as Richie Williams who did this job for many years, stepped down from the post before Christmas.

This is an essential job as without this, the club can no longer function properly and enter galas.

On February 5, we have our postal long distance swim, in which we've done very well over the years - each swimmer has one hour to see how many lengths of the pool they can swim.

On July 16, once again we hold the Cardiff Bay Sprint Meet which has been running for 26 years and is organised by our club in the Olympic Pool in Cardiff.

This generates our largest income each year and we need all swimmers and parents to take part and to help with running the event. Scrap books recording the club history during its 90 years of existence were

available for members to see.

The club treasurer, Ms Elaine Romain, reported that she was "very pleased" with this year's report; our financial situation had improved greatly during the past year and she hoped that it would continue in this vein for the forthcoming year.

Barry Amateur Swimming Club's presentation then took place, with the announcement that Bethan Williams had been elected club captain for all swimmers.

Trophies and medals were presented to swimmers by Mrs Annita Rees, a good friend of the club for many years.

The awards reflected successes in our annual championships in November.

First place trophies were won by Zac Bowman, Laylah Stamp, Ella Davies, Bethan Jones, Phoebe White, Wiktoria Strzala, Thomas Pugh, Alysha Lee, Lauren Whittaker, Caitlin Williams, Iestyn Perkins, Pia Sully, Carys Thomas, Bethan Williams and Jack Barry.

Medals were also won and presented to

Harrison Martin, Daisy Thomas, Louie John, David Youngs, Aaron Belby, Cian Ralphs, Rhodri Richards, Gwenno Davies, Nia Thomas, Aimee Jefferson, Isabelle Thomas, Rhodri Vickers, Nia Fuller, Jean-Lou Picot, Ryan Connor, Cerys Borges, Tegan Goodwin, Sophia Hamandi, Ruby Jones, Emilia Knevett, Kate Olsen and Georgia Thomas.

This was followed by special awards for their contribution to the club during the year: best runner-up cups were won by Nia Fuller and Rhodri Vickers; best boy and girls newcomer award went to Wiktoria Strzala and Harrison Martin; best novice swimmer was Nia Thomas and most improved swimmers' trophies were won by Bethan Jones and Cian Ralphs.

Some of the adults who help out with coaching or administration were also presented with an award:

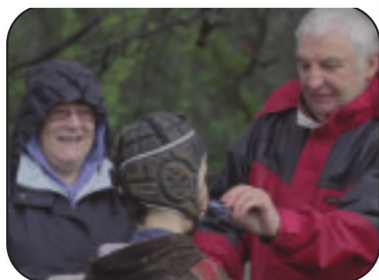
Mrs Paula Harkus was awarded our loyalty cup for all her hard work with membership and kit; Mrs Sue Borges was awarded the lady club member of the year for assistance with a great many events;

Mark Davies was presented with the men's club member trophy his help with club management.

A big thank you went out to all coaches who help train the swimmers in technique and stamina and to all poolside helpers including some of the older swimmers who help at poolside.

SUSAN BORGES

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- IMMACULATE & MUCH IMPROVED
- FOUR BEDROOM
- DETACHED PROPERTY
- QUIET & DESIRABLE LOCATION
- NO CHAIN

£229,950



MERTHYR DYFAN, ROAD

- UNIQUE DETACHED PROPERTY
- FIVE BEDROOMS
- PRIVATE SPACIOUS PLOT
- GARAGE
- OFF ROAD PARKING

£229,950



HARDY CLOSE, BARRY

- TWO BEDROOM
- SEMI DETACHED
- WELL PRESENTED
- OFF ROAD PARKING
- NO CHAIN

£129,950



WAYCOCK CROSS, FIVE MILE LANE

- UNIQUE & SECLUDED
- SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- FULLY REFURBISHED IN 2012
- VIEWING STRONGLY ADVISED

£329,950



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STUDIO APARTMENTS

Barry, Broad Street: Unfurnished First Floor Apartment, West End Location, Close to Station & Shops (No DSS) **£350 PCM**

1 BEDROOM

Barry, Broad Street: Unfurnished First Floor Apartment, West End Location, Close to Station & Shops (No DSS) **£400 PCM**

Barry, High Street: Unfurnished First Floor Apartment, West End Location, Close to Station & Shops (No DSS) **£450 PCM**

2 BEDROOMS

Barry, Porthkerry Road: Unfurnished First Floor Apartment, West End Location, Rear Garden (No DSS) **£500 PCM**

Rhoose, Murlande Way: Unfurnished Semi Detached House, Ample Drive, Gardens Front & Rear (No DSS) **£575 PCM**

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3 BEDROOMS

Barry, Gladstone Road: Unfurnished Mid Terrace House, Gardens to Front & Rear, Well Presented (No DSS) **£650 PCM**

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4+ BEDROOMS

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NEW

WESTON STREET, BARRY

- END OF TERRACED
- LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- GROUND FLR. BATHROOM
- TWO BEDROOMS
- UPVC DG - GCH
- NO CHAIN
- EPC = E

£90,000

NEW

CORONATION STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- TWO REC. ROOMS
- FITTED KITCHEN
- GRND FLR BATHROOM
- THREE BEDROOMS
- NO CHAIN
- ER=D

£107,950

NEW

CADOC CRESCENT, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED
- TWO REC. ROOMS
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- SPACIOUS REAR GARDEN
- DRIVEWAY/PARKING
- SIDE ACCESS
- VIEWING ADVISED
- ER=D

£134,950

NEW

MERIONETH PLACE, BARRY

- DETACHED BUNGALOW
- IN NEED OF SOME MODERNISATION
- LIVING ROOM
- TWO BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- GCH VIA COMBI, UPVC DG
- NO CHAIN
- GARAGE

£139,950

NEW

CHURCHFIELDS, BARRY

- TWO BEDROOMS
- SEMI DETACHED
- LOCATED IN A QUIET CUL-DE-SAC
- LIVING ROOM
- KITCHEN/DINER
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- DRIVEWAY
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- ER = D

£142,500

NEW

CAE GLAS, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LIVING ROOM
- IN NEED OF SOME MODERNISATION
- DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
- OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN
- CUL DE SAC POSITION

£149,950

NEW

EVERARD STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- UTILITY ROOM
- TWO BEDROOMS, COT ROOM
- FAM. BATHROOM
- ATTIC ROOM WITH VELUX WINDOW TO REAR
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- ER = E

£124,950

NEW

EVANS STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- LIVING ROOM/DINING ROOM
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- UPVC DG - GCH VIA COMBI
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- WELL PRESENTED
- ER = D

£117,500

NEW

ALWEN DRIVE, BARRY

- DETACHED DWELLING
- OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN
- LIVING ROOM/DINING ROOM
- CONSERVATORY
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- FAM. SHOWER ROOM
- DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
- IN NEED OF SOME UPDATING
- ER=D

£199,950

NEW

5 Beds

COOK ROAD, BARRY

- SUBSTANTIAL SPLIT LEVEL DETACHED
- GND FLR, 5TH BEDROOM TERR.
- LOWER GRG. LIVING, DINING, KITCHEN.
- UTILITY W.C. SCAM
- 1ST FLR TWO BEDROOMS MASTER ENSUITE
- 2ND FLR TWO FURTHER BEDROOMS
- DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- VERSATILE LIVING
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL

£220,950

NEW

Immaculate

WOODHAM PARK, BARRY

- MODERN DETACHED
- 4 BEDROOM
- MASTER ENSUITE
- LIVING ROOM
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING THROUGHOUT
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- GARAGE
- COMBI BOILER
- VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- ER=D

£225,000

NEW

PRICE

CASTLE STREET, BARRY

- THREE BEDROOM
- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- FIRST FLR. BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- ER = D

£133,950

NEW

PRICE

ABERYSTWYTH CRESCENT, BARRY

- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- WELL PRESENTED
- NO CHAIN
- ER=E

£122,000

NEW

PRICE

WYE CLOSE, BARRY

- THREE BEDROOM
- SEMI DETACHED DWELLING
- TWO REC. ROOMS
- THREE BEDROOMS
- DRIVEWAY
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- CUL DE SAC POSITION
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED
- EPC = C

£179,950

IDEAL

INVESTMENT

BLACKWELL CLOSE, BARRY

- END TERRACE
- THREE BEDROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- IN NEED OF MODERNISATION
- NO CHAIN
- ER=D

£84,950

WESTBURY CLOSE, BARRY

- THREE BEDROOMS
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- 1ST FLOOR BATHROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- NO CHAIN
- ER=E

£90,000

PALMERSTON ROAD, BARRY

- DAY FRONTED
- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- MODERNISED THROUGHOUT
- FAMILY BATHROOM
- UPVC DG - GCH VIA COMBI
- NO CHAIN
- ER = D

£95,000

WINSTON ROAD, BARRY

- MID TERRACED
- WELL PRESENTED
- LIVING ROOM
- KITCHEN/DINER
- MODERNISED THROUGHOUT
- TWO BEDROOMS
- LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN
- OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN
- EPC = D

£99,950

ROMILLY ROAD, BARRY

- MODERNISED SEMI DETACHED
- OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN
- TWO BEDROOMS
- LIVING ROOM WITH FAR REACHING
- SEA VIEWS
- KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
- PRIVATE PATIO AREA
- PARKING & BRICK BUILT STORAGE SHED
- UPVC GLAZING
- VIEWING ADVISED
- EPC = C

£109,950

EVELYN STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- VERSATILE LIVING
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- SPACIOUS UPSTAIRS BATHROOM
- LANE ACCESS
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- FIRST TIME BUY OR INVESTMENT
- CENTRAL LOCATION
- NO CHAIN
- ER=D

£109,950

JENNER COURT, BARRY

- PRIVATE ROAD LEADING TO PROPERTY
- MODERN SEMI DETACHED
- TWO BEDROOMS
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- LIVING ROOM
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- NO CHAIN
- ER = C

£112,000

BELL STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- COMPLETELY REFURBISHED
- STUNNING PRESENTATION
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- EXTENDED KITCHEN/DINER
- TWO BEDROOMS
- FAMILY BATHROOM TO 1ST FLR
- NO CHAIN
- ER=C

£124,950

CARMARTHEN CLOSE, BARRY

- DETACHED BUNGALOW
- PERIOD PROPERTY
- TWO BEDROOMS
- LIVING ROOM
- 2015 FITTED KITCHEN
- RE-DECORATED THROUGHOUT
- ENCLOSED GARDEN
- GARAGE
- ER = D

£152,500

BELL STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- THROUGH LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM
- THREE BEDROOMS (3RD ACCESSIBLE FROM BED 2)
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- LANE ACCESS
- NO CHAIN
- ER = D

£108,000

CERI AVENUE, BARRY

- SPACIOUS EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED
- GND FLR LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM
- SITTING ROOM
- TWO BEDROOMS
- 1ST FLOOR BATHROOM
- FAM. BATHROOM
- 1ST FLR - SITTING AREA/BEDROOM
- ENSUITE SHOWER ROOM
- GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
- ER = C

£239,950

PONTYPRIDD ROAD, BARRY

- EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
- VERSATILE LIVING
- THREE/FOUR BEDROOMS
- EXTENDED LIVING ROOM
- DRIVEWAY/PARKING
- LEVEL ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- NO CHAIN
- UPVC DG - GCH VIA COMBI
- ER = D

£204,950

HOLMES STREET, BARRY

- MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
- TWO REC. ROOMS
- TWO BEDROOMS
- FAM. BATHROOM TO 1ST FLR.
- OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN
- ER = E

£79,950

HARBOUR ROAD, BARRY

- TRADITIONAL MID TERRACED DWELLING
- GND FLR - 3RD BEDROOM TERR.
- SPACIOUS DINER/KITCHEN
- FOUR BEDROOMS WITH ENSUITE
- FAR REACHING VIEWS ACROSS BRISTOL CHANNEL
- LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN
- WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL
- EPC = E

£220,950

GLADSTONE ROAD, BARRY

- TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
- PERIOD PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- FOUR BEDROOMS
- THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
- ORIGINAL FEATURES THROUGHOUT
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- GARAGE WITH LANE ACCESS
- EPC = D

£220,000

ST. NICHOLAS CLOSE, BARRY

- 2 DOUBLE BED APARTMENT
- THIRD FLOOR
- WEST END LOCATION
- BALCONY WITH SEA VIEWS
- GCH UPVC D/G
- VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- ER=D

£107,000

TYNEWYDD ROAD, BARRY

- TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM
- SITTING ROOM
- W.C. CLOAKROOM
- LUXURY BATHROOM WITH ROLL TOP + BATH
- SEA VIEWS ACROSS BRISTOL CHANNEL
- THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- ATTIC/HOBBY ROOM
- VERY WELL PRESENTED
- ER=D

£239,950

TYNEWYDD ROAD, BARRY

- TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
- ORIGINAL FEATURES THROUGHOUT
- DINING ROOM OPENING TO KITCHEN
- FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- SPACIOUS FAMILY BATHROOM
- SEA VIEWS FROM THE REAR
- LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN
- ER=E

£239,950

LYDSTEP ROAD, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- REPLACEMENT BATHROOM
- GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- PARTIAL SEA VIEWS FROM REAR
- ER = D

£124,950

LYDSTEP ROAD, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- REPLACEMENT BATHROOM
- GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- PARTIAL SEA VIEWS FROM REAR
- ER = D

£124,950

LYDSTEP ROAD, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- REPLACEMENT BATHROOM
- GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- PARTIAL SEA VIEWS FROM REAR
- ER = D

£124,950

LYDSTEP ROAD, BARRY

- SEMI DETACHED
- LIVING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
- REPLACEMENT BATHROOM
- GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- PARTIAL SEA VIEWS FROM REAR
- ER = D

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Piper Archie McCassey with toastmaster Alec Gray.

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Mrs Libby Fine, the ladies' captain, organised the event in fine Scottish tradition. The evening started with the guests being served a starter of Scotch broth. The Scottish piper, Archie McCassey, then piped in the haggis.

This fine meal was carefully carried in with full ceremony by the caterer Mr Mark

Dommett. The piper, Mark and toastmaster Alec Gray toasted the haggis with a large glass of whisky.

Alec then recited 'Ode to The Haggis'. The meal of haggis, tatties and neeps was enjoyed by all, followed with Scottish shortbread.

Mrs Fine hails from Aviemore in Scotland and started learning Scottish Highland dancing from the age of two.

The ladies' captain JK

performed the traditional Scottish sword dance to a huge round of applause. Many of the lady golfers had been rehearsing for weeks to entertain the guests with a few Scottish reels.

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- Living room, large kitchen / dining Room
- Summerhouse and raised decking
- Secure parking with gated access
- EPC = C



Wenvoe Manor, Wenvoe £999,950

- Five bedroom country residence set within two acres of gardens & grounds
- 22ft stunning kitchen & family room
- Elegant, open staircase and entrance
- 21ft luxury sun Lounge/conservatory
- with superb outlook across open fields
- Electric gated entrance, private driveway, double garage
- EPC = D



Castellau, Llantrisant £849,950

- Stunning seven bedroom contemporary country property
- Six reception rooms
- 45ft reception hall with vaulted ceiling
- Original features including exposed stone walls and inglenook fireplace
- Set in approx. 13 acres
- Viewing is highly recommended
- EPC = E



Geraints Way, Cowbridge £299,500

- Immaculate 3 storey semi-detached house with panoramic views
- Well-appointed kitchen open plan to a dining room/conservatory
- Large living room
- Contemporary bathroom and cloakroom
- Landscaped gardens
- Detached garage and off road parking
- EPC = D



Cowbridge Road, Talygarn £675,000

- Six double bedroom detached family home
- Dressing room and en suite bathroom to principal bedroom
- Living room with wood burning stove set in an inglenook fireplace
- Kitchen and breakfast room, formal dining room, study, conservatory
- Well-proportioned gardens and brick paved driveway
- Double garage
- EPC = D



Tair Croes, Ewenny £425,000

- A detached 3 bedroom country cottage
- Outstanding panoramic views across Vale of Glamorgan meadows to the Bristol Channel
- Original features
- Country kitchen, cloakroom, utility room
- Potential for extending to a 4 bedroom home
- EPC = E



Wyatt House, Hensol £439,950

- Ground floor luxury apartment
- 3 Bedrooms (2 with en suite facilities) and shower room
- Very spacious open plan living space
- comprising lounge, kitchen and dining areas
- Set within private gated Castle Grounds
- EPC = C



Tair Onen, Cowbridge £500,000

- Versatile family home in about 1.4 acres
- 5 reception rooms, 4 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms
- Large private drive providing ample parking
- Mature well-tended gardens and swimming pool
- Woodland backdrop and paddock
- EPC = E

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- KITCHEN/ DINER • CUL DE SAC LOCATION
- INTEGRAL GARAGE



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BUTT LEE COURT, BARRY £89,950

Two double bedrooms
Second floor apartment
Panoramic views across Barry
Enclosed clothes line area
In close proximity to local amenities
Communal parking and grounds
No chain



DUNRAVEN STREET, BARRY £140,000

End terrace property
Two bedrooms
Renovated to a high standard
New kitchen and bathroom
Situated in the desirable West end of Barry
In close proximity to local amenities
Landscaped rear garden



ST LYTHANS ROAD, BARRY £294,950

Four bedrooms
Cul de sac location
West end of Barry
Master bedroom with en suite shower room
Fitted kitchen opening into summer room
Enclosed generous size garden
No chain



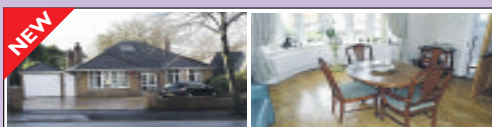
CORONATION STREET, BARRY £114,995

Two bedroom mid terrace property
Well presented
In the heart of Barry
Benefiting from a Regeneration Scheme to the front elevation
Enclosed, south facing garden.
Close to all local amenities
Ideal first time buy or investment opportunity



STARLIGHT VIEW, WESTWARD RISE, BARRY £415,000

Executive four bedroom detached
Beautifully presented
En suite shower room to master bedroom
Highly desirable location
Enclosed front, side and rear gardens
Double garage
Block paved driveway for two vehicles



PONTYPRIDD ROAD, BARRY £269,950

2/3 double bedroom detached bungalow
Situated in the desirable West end of Barry
Two loft rooms
En suite shower room to roof space
Driveway with generous off road parking
Close to local amenities



WINDSOR COURT, BARRY £110,000

Two double bedrooms
West end of Barry
Master bedroom with en-suite
Close to High Street & train station
Grade II listed building
No forward chain



GLAN HAFREN, BARRY £129,995

One bedroom
First floor apartment
Panoramic views
Situated in the desirable Knap area
Landscaped communal gardens
Walking distance of shops & cafes



GLAMORGAN STREET, BARRY £134,950

Three bedrooms
Extended terrace property
Situated in the desirable West end of Barry
Enclosed forecourt and rear courtyard
In close proximity to local amenities
Catching area for Romilly Primary School



CHESTERFIELD STREET, BARRY £102,950

Three bedroom property
Modern kitchen & ground floor bathroom
Situated within the East end of Barry
In close proximity to local amenities
Enclosed rear garden
No chain



PALMERSTON COTTAGES, PALMER STREET, BARRY

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AGER

Stephen Nathan

Peacefully on January 14 at Holme Tower, after a long illness, aged 40, Stephen; devoted dad of Jack and Charlie Rose, much loved by his mum, dad and brother. Stephen was also a wonderful stepson, brother-in-law, uncle and friend to many.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Resting at James Summers & Son, Lavernock Court, Lavernock Road, Penarth, CF64 5UP until the funeral service at Llantion Hall, Llantwit Major, CF61 1TX on Thursday, February 4 at 1.45pm, followed by a private family burial. Stephen has requested that no black or grey be worn.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

BRADLEY

Beryl

Passed away peacefully on January 17. Beloved wife of the late John, a devoted mother and grannie. A celebration of Beryl's life to be held at St. Mary's Church, Wenvoe on Monday, February 8 at 2pm, followed by committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 3pm.

No flowers by request. Donations if desired may be made to The Intensive Care Unit, University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff, CF14 4XW. All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel (029) 2051 4627.

KEIRL

Eileen

Peacefully at Sunrise of Halebarns on January 21, aged 90. Much loved by her late husband John and by her children Bethan and Charles and her grandchildren Helen, Eliot, Stephen and Fiona. Eileen will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends.

Funeral service at Altrincham Crematorium on February 5 at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be made, if desired, to the Alzheimer's Society. Further enquiries to Kenneth Dewey & Sons, 0161 826 8948.

WINTER

Phyllis Evelyn

Peacefully on January 23 at Collegefields Nursing Home, Barry - Phyllis, formerly of East Aberthaw and beloved wife to the late Roy. Much loved mum of Jonathan and Helen, cherished grandma to Hannah.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Phyllis is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service and committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, February 2 at 3pm.

Family floral tributes only. Donations if desired may be made to the service to Tenovus Cancer Care in memory of Phyllis. The Family wish to thank all at Collegefields Nursing Home for all their care and support shown to Phyllis.

HARBOTTLE

Roma Hilary

Suddenly on January 16, Roma, aged 97 years, of Nurston. Beloved wife of the late Campbell, dearly loved mother of Kathryn, devoted grandmother of Claire.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, January 29, service and interment 2pm at St Marys Church, Penmark.

ISAAC

Mary

Peacefully at the Princess of Wales Hospital on January 14, Mary of Llantwit Major. Dearly loved wife of the late John and loving mother to Margaret and the late Berian. She was a much loved grandmother to Emyr and Bethan and great grandmother to Sophie.

She will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Funeral service in Bethesda'r Fro Church on Monday, February 1 at 11am, followed by interment at Boverton Cemetery.

All enquiries to W.A. Brown & Son, 01446 792489.

In Memory

ANN SUTTON 'SOOTY'



Closed her eyes on the 6th February 2011.
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when we meet again.*

Love Ken xx

Lost Cats

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**Susie James (right) and dog warden
Kathryn Hubery with a dog Kathrynn
rescued recently and called 'Nelson'.**

**CANINE residents
at Cardiff Dogs
Home, who are
walked regularly by
'Friends of the
Dogs', are keeping
dry and finding
new homes, thanks
to local employer
Admiral.**

The insurance
provider has donated
nearly £800 to the
charity through its long-
running Community
Chest Scheme.

Friends of the Dogs
has over 100 regular
volunteer dog walkers
who turn out in all
weathers to walk
homeless and abandoned
dogs in their local
community.

Admiral's money paid
for 25 weatherproof
coats to the charity to
help the dogs against the
wind, rain and cold
when they're out
walking.

Denzil Hopkins, who
works for Admiral's IT
department, knew that

because he worked for
Admiral he could apply
to their Community
Chest Scheme.

He said: "I'm very
happy that I was in a
position to apply for this
money. Without the
support of Admiral, the
charity would not have
had the finances
available to pay for these
coats, as most of their
funding goes to the
kennels and the vet bills.
The coats look great on
the dogs!"

Susie James,
originally from Barry
and chairperson at
Friends of the Dogs,
said: "For the
volunteers, walking the
dogs with the branded
coats gives them an
extra sense of identity
with the charity."
"Thanks to Admiral,
these coats have given
the dogs and volunteers,
a new sense of
belonging. We are very
grateful for their
support."

Planning

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (WENVOE PUBLIC FOOTPATH Nos. 21&22) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its
powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic
Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and with the
consent of the Welsh Ministers intends in not
less than seven days from the date of this
Notice to make an Order the general effect of
which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the
locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	Wenvoe Public Footpath Nos 21&22, shall be closed throughout their lengths.
Alt. Route	Alt. Route During these closures a diversion via Wenvoe Public Footpath No 20, Port Road, Old Port Road, Walston Road and Clos Lanfair will be available.
Reason	Reason to maintain public safety during construction works.
Duration	Duration from 23.59pm on Sunday 7th February 2016 until 23.59pm on Wednesday 6th July 2016.

Dated this 28th day of January 2016

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (SOUTH ROAD, SULLY) (PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN (PUFFIN) CROSSING)

1. The Vale of Glamorgan Council in
exercise of its powers under Section 23
of the Road Traffic Regulation Act
(1984) (as amended) and of all other
enabling powers intends to remove the
pedestrian (zebra) crossing and install a
pedestrian (puffin) crossing for the
reasons described in Schedule 1 and at
the location described in Schedule 2
below.
2. Full details of the proposal and a copy
of the plan (T/15/140/MS) may be
inspected at the address shown below
during normal office hours.

SCHEDULE 1

It is envisaged that the installation of a
pedestrian (puffin) crossing, with intelligent
telemetry, will enhance pedestrian safety,
especially children and vulnerable adults
wishing to nearby public transport facilities and
convenience store/post office.

SCHEDULE 2

The centre of the pedestrian (puffin) crossing
will be coincidental with the existing location of
the pedestrian (zebra) crossing, which is
approximately 70 metres east of the centre of
its junction with Weston Avenue.

Dated this 28th day of January 2016

Mr. M. E. Punter
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Quarry Road,
Wenvoe, CF5 6AA.

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Seconds get revenge over St Peters

BARRY second XV were back in league action against the same opponents who knocked them out of the Cup last weekend, St Peters.

Coaches Rhidian Scott and Martin Tanner and manager Ken Chow were afforded the luxury, for the first time this season, of no players dropping out after selection on Thursday.

This saw the return of Rhys O'Sullivan and

Dave Taylor from injury to form a formidable front row, and also a first start of the season for Luke Bounds in centre.

With the underfoot conditions difficult for running rugby, it was a case of the two packs of forwards testing each other out in the early periods.

St Peters showed a better utilisation of the rolling maul from their well-executed line-outs, but Barry had the upper hand in the breakdown

and scrum. Barry soon found their rhythm and quick ball from Rhidian Mephram was turned into good territory and possession by fly-half and captain Joel Williams.

An infringement by the away side in front of the posts was converted into three points by Ashley Adams to give Barry the lead.

The away side could not find the right pass or tactics this time round to unlock the Barry

defence, and strong runs from Jordan Clarke, Chris Deyes and O'Sullivan saw Barry force another penalty, again converted by Adams.

Barry missed several guilt-edged opportunities and instead Barry had to rely on Adams' boot to further their advantage to give his side a 9-0 lead at the interval.

The away side briefly threatened to get back in the game early on in the second half, when a powerful rolling maul saw them stopped just short of the Barry line.

A secondary drive seemingly saw them cross the whitewash, but the potential scorer was held up by the impressive Clarke.

The resultant attacking St Peters scrum was demolished by Hall, O'Sullivan and Taylor, drawing a penalty to relieve the pressure. St Peters were not to threaten the Barry line

again. The visitors' answer to Barry's powerful pack was to withdraw their prop forwards so that the scrum became passive, but the hosts responded by bringing on Lee Jones and Dave Evans to freshen up their pack to counter that tactic.

Barry looked the more likely despite the disruption, and after Taylor had narrowly missed out in scoring near the posts, more home pressure saw the ball finally spread out wide to Evans, who powered through multiple tackles and touch down for his first try of the season.

Adams failed to add the extras but the game was won, the final score 14-0.

This was a thoroughly deserved victory for Barry, and all 19 players of the squad fully contributed to the win.

KC

Quiet times for Barry chess club!

IT seems to be a lot quieter in the Barry Chess Club this week; we only played two fixtures both at home on Monday.

In division 1 the Bosons played host to the North Cardiff Woodpushers. At the start of the season the Woodpushers would have hoped to be competing for the title.

However with Peter Heaven taking a sabbatical following a family bereavement their team was weaker than originally anticipated.

The game ended with in victory for the Bosons by 3.5 to 1.5. We earned three wins and a draw and while Matthew Parry was our only loser there is no disgrace when your opponent is Tim Kett.

Sam Jukes produced

the best result to beat Gavin Williams as they are rated almost evenly.

This win consolidates the Bosons third position in the table. There is a gap opening up between the top two and the Bosons but third place, should we be able to retain it, would represent an excellent season, bearing in mind how the club has been depleted of its two strongest players from previous seasons.

Our other match saw the Barry Gambits take on the St John's Leptons.

The Leptons have been the whipping boys of the fourth division as most of their stronger players represent the Neutrinos.

On this occasion, however, they managed to put out a team that outranked us on almost every board. Only three of our players have

played enough games to earn a rating.

However, with an average rating of 986 it was no surprise to see us lose all three of these boards against a team with an average rating of 1457.

It was left to our two unrated players to prevent a whitewash. Both Ray Denyer and John Rees earned wins to give us some compensation.

John's victory was his first in competitive chess so let's just hope it is the first of many!

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30 pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess, or just the occasional friendly game.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details, visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yol.co.uk>

PHIL JONES

The Barry and District league tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Rhoose Social 7, West End 8; West End Runaways 8, Cadoxton Cons 7; Liberals 6, Wyndham Cons 9.

League table: Wyndham Cons 113, West End 110, West End Runaways 105, Liberals 97, Cadoxton Cons 93, Rhoose Social 88, Moors Boys 84.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

King William XII 6, Liberals C 1; Rugby Club 5, West End C 2; Slammers 2, Allsorts 5; Rhoose Social C 3, Rhoosters 4; West End D 7, Rhoose Social B 0; Liberals A 5.5, Rhoose Social A 1.5; Barries Boys 6, Cambrian Flyers 1.

League table: Sea View B 70, West End D 68.5, King William XII 59.5, Rugby Club 57.5, Rhoose Social B 53, Barries Boys 50.5, West End C 50, Slammers 47.5, Allsorts 45, Liberals A 44, Rhoose Social A 40.5, Rhoosters 39.5, Rhoose Social C 37.5, Liberals C 35, Cambrian Flyers 30.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Market Street C 1, Harbour B 4; Cadoxton Cons B 5, Rhoose Social C 0; Wyndham Cons A 4, Penarth Cons B

1; Cadoxton Cons Z 2, West End C 3; Caddy Allstars 2, Rhoose Social B 3.

League table: Harbour B 61, Savoy A 59, Wyndham Cons A 43, Cadoxton Cons B 42, West End C 42, *Cadoxton Cons Z 35, Rhoose Social C 31, Rhoose Social B 30, Caddy Allstars 27, Market Street C 24, Penarth Cons B 22.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

Sully Sports A 1, Penarth Cons A 4; Wyndham Cons C 4, Cadoxton Cons A 1; Wyndham Cons D 1, Liberator 4; Market Street B 4, West End B 1; West End A 3, Savoy B 2.

League table: Liberator 52, Penarth Cons A 47, Services Social B 47, Market Street B 46, Savoy B 46, Wyndham Cons C 37, Cadoxton Cons A 37, West End A 31, Sully Sports A 30, West End B 27, Wyndham Cons D 20 (* = points deducted).

All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

TIM'S WELCOME WINNER!

ABERTHIN National Hunt trainer Tim Vaughan made a welcome return to the winners' enclosure at Taunton last Saturday, when his 11-year-old grey gelding, Wings Of Smoke, owned by Pearn's Pharmacies Ltd, took the Bathwick Tyres Bridgwater Two Miles Handicap Chase under 5lb claimer Alan Johns.

An 11-1 outsider, Wings Of Smoke won by six lengths from the favourite Ut Majeur Aulmes after being left in the lead when the Evan Williams-trained Bullet Street, who was leading the field a merry gallop, fell at the penultimate fence.

However, Williams did not come away empty-handed as three quarters of an hour or so earlier his 10-year-old bay

gelding Tornado In Milan took the principal race of the day the £11,574 Bathwick Tyres Seniors' Handicap Hurdle.

Well ridden by Conor Ring, course winner Tornado In Milan, who like Wings Of Smoke was a 11-1 chance, made all the running to score by a length from the bottom weighted Here's Herbie, who was partnered by Lucy Gardner.

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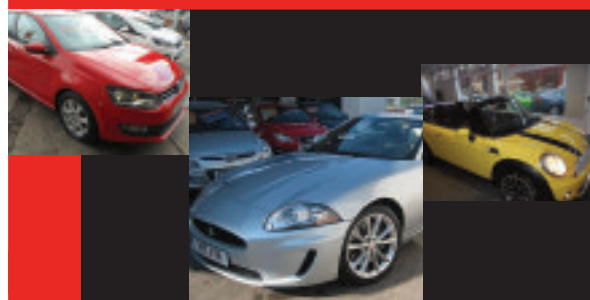
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Blast from the past – 1985

THE GEM's BRIAN LEE, who has been reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing scene for the past 50 years, takes another trip back in time, with the help of his many press cutting scrap books, to when Dunraven Stud owner David Brace had his first winner under Rules, and the Vale's Bryn Palling was sending out winners on a regular basis.

One man who has a keen eye where racehorses are concerned, is Bridgend businessman David Brace.

He bought a two-year-old called *Blue Raven* at the Malvern Sales for just £800 a couple of years ago and after breaking the horse in himself, he sent it to Minehead trainer Philip Hobbs last November.

David and his wife Dawn somehow find time from running their busy Dunraven double glazing company to see this promising four-year-old chestnut gelding run, and they were delighted when *Blue Raven* recently had a hat-trick of wins.

David, well known as a trainer of point-to-pointers, said: "After *Blue Raven* was unseated at Worcester earlier this season, we ran him the next day at Exeter and he beat his solitary rival *Shikaree*, the long odds-on favourite, by seven lengths."

He added: "A week later, we ran him at Fontwell and he won again unchallenged and then at Exeter again. A week later, he stepped down from two miles, six furlongs to two miles, one furlong and made all the running to win by a neck."

Top trainer Martin Pipe, who was hoping to train all six winners that day in his ambition to go through the card, said that his horse *Sozzled*, who was made an odds-on favourite, would find it difficult in conceding 11lb to *Blue Raven* and he was certainly proved right."

And, under the heading 'Bryn Having A Ball', I wrote: 'Bryn

Palling, who trains 28 horses at his Ty-Wyth, Cowbridge yard, is enjoying his best season.

Palling, who saddled his first winner *Landslide* at Stratford in 1978, has already trained 13 winners this time. Five of these have been in races for two-year-olds.

He told me: 'I get great pleasure in winning races with two-year-olds. You are starting off with raw material and have to teach them the game.'

His most recent winner, however, was three-year-old *Carranita* who, ridden by Terry Sprake, scored in good style at Yarmouth last week.

One of the fastest horses in his yard, this filly, who won at Goodwood, Chesham and York last season, was a very good buy. The shrewd Llantrisant-born trainer bought her for a song – just 850 guineas.

Carranita, a syndicate horse, is owned by a farmer, a hair dresser, a computer specialist and a chap who sells propane gas! She got her name as one of the owners bought a new car and the other had a wife named Anita.

Last season, Palling, who also runs a scrap metal business, trained eight winners on the flat and saddled three more over the jumps. He is full of praise for 23-year-old Sprake who travels from Newbury at least once a week to ride out for him.

Like most other trainers, he would like to see better prize money on offer.

His pet hate is people who are bad losers: "I suppose I have been lucky to have had some good owners."

Bryn's favourite track is Leicester, which has been a lucky racetrack for him over the years, as he has saddled 100 winners.

One thing certain is that Palling is one of the select band of Welsh-based trainers who have helped to put Wales on the horse racing map.

E-mail your pictures and stories to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him on 02920 736438.

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League: results

December 14:

First division: Special Angels (T Jones 25) 243, Colcot Ladies (C Fenton 30) 272; Space Finders (A Norman 37) 348, Breakaways (C Parfitt 36) 314; Coppers (S Davies 32) 310, Barry Stars (D Bowsher 34) 341; Bakers Dozen (R Hewitson 29) 275; Family Affair (S Evans 28) 277; Allsorts (S Tierney 26) 240, Castle Bandits (Evans 26) 245.

Second division: Pila Palas (J Bennett, M Palfrey 321 331, Rhooze Ravers (G Shellem, J Bishop 32) 296; Cad Con Fillies (D Thomas 27) 280, SV Lights (M Selvas 28) 251; Rhooze Starlights (S Barnes 26) 244, Red Admiral (S Clements 28) 262.

Third division: Rugby Triers (M Howells 28) 244, Etcetera (K Baker, P Tumulty 26) 232; Hill Billies (J Lambeth 31) 302, Airways Angels (J Thomas 35) 311; Persuaders (T

Danielson, K Kemp, K Philips 24) 219, Divas (S Pearson 24) 197; Westenders (B Goddard 28) 223, Twilights (S Haysom 25) 233; La Belles (R Glogg, R Peacock 31) 313, Dolly Mixtures (A Forest, C Abbott 31) 296; Fallen Angels (L Chambers 27) 251, Roller Coasters (J Fairweather 25) 253; SV Ladies (W Norman 32) 277, Friends and Neighbours (L Williams 30) 264.

Fourth division: Guardian Angels (J Mountjoy, D Ling 25) 194, Odd Bods (K Dutton, G Lewis, T Cerian 20) 184; Challengers (L Morgan, B Binding 28) 266, Aristocrats (M Rogers 34) 283; Witchill Wanderers (C Morrissey 35) 286; Rebels (J Farr 28) 231, Hell Raisers (C Davies 21) 201; Uptown Girls (K Richardson 24) 230, Witches (W Williams 28) 234; Off The Lambeth (J Sims 24) 238, Optimists (S Johnson 26) 197.

Barry and District men's skittle results

Division 1:

49'ers. (S.Baggott 32) 292, Blue Monkey (M.Underdown 31) 270; Blue Monkey (D.Brown 30) 272, Geest (N.Batt 29) 278; BP Breakaways (R.Bowman 27) 255, Bunker Boys (K.Jeynes 25) 241; Cavaliers (M.Morris 29) 304, Mighty Dockers (J.Millar 30) 307; Colcot Boys (T.Sherrin 29) 269, The Merryman (C.Jones 28) 275; Ex-Servicemen (D.Williams 30) 267, BP Breakaways (D.E.Coombes 24); Mighty Dockers (G.Gurd 26) 271, Colcot Boys (T.Sherrin 25) 230; Sea View (A.Chick 33) 315, Barry Park 'B' (M.Hobbs 30) 303; The Merryman (R.T.Gibbs 33) 300, Ex-Servicemen (D.Stevens

Division 2:

29) 287. Abercrete (S.Miller 29) 273, Willie Wombles (S.Cannon, P.Taylor 28) 286; Cannon Balls (D.Pike 31) 283, Park Lads (K.Jones 27) 287; Exiles (F.Coughan, B.Stait, G.Mitchell 28) 279, Tynny Fliers (A.Davies, D.Everitt 27) 280; Tynewydd Lads (D.Kerslake 30) 274, Park Rangers (R.Webb, N.Bright 30) 301; Tynewydd Lads (D.Germon, S.Germon

32) 309, Buffs Exiles (T.Wickham, G.Potter 27) 295; Posties (J.Galsworthy 29) 273, The Royalists (H.Budridge 29) 270.

Division 3:

Billy Bluebirds (R.Ferguson, N.Watkins 26) 258, British Rail (T.Williams 29) 291; Billy Bluebirds (A.Curtis 31) 288, The Rejects (G.Richards 27) 257; Billy Whizz (M.Ingrham 31) 279, C.U.D. (A.Day 28) 272.

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The girl's football team at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig in Barry won the recent Urdd football tournament held at the Welsh Institute of Sport,

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After winning their group scoring 13 goals in five games, the team was drawn against Ysgol Treganna in the final and in the last minute of extra time the winning goal was scored!

Sant Curig teacher and team coach, Amy Withey, said: "Our brand new team performed brilliantly to

repeat last year's undefeated record. We will be working hard in preparation for the Wales finals in May. I am very proud of the girls."

The team will now represent the region against girl's teams from the rest of Wales in the national finals at Aberystwyth in May.

The team's kit has been kindly supplied by Barry-based Nina Estate Agents who are also proud of the continued success of the team. MG

Barrivale Bridge Club results

Results at the Barrivale Bridge Club on January 19:

1st Mike Best & Jenny Vaughan 62.50%; 2nd Mike Close & Noelle Bond 58.58%; 3rd Dave Thomas & Tom Kendrick 55.58%. Dave Reed and Bryn Gough won on handicap.

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Entry is only £1 with a £100 prize for the best overall prediction of the results of all 15 matches (home win, away win or draw).

The surplus will be allocated to the charity account of Cowbridge Rotary Club.

Entry is by a one-page form. A copy of the entry form will have been delivered with your GEM to homes in the Cowbridge area; anyone can enter wherever they live. Feel free to copy the entry form and pass it on to friends and family.

Additional forms can be obtained by collection from The GEM offices, Eastgate, Cowbridge, or reception at the Bear Hotel; alternatively, visit www.cowbridge.rotary1150.org to

download a copy, or email a request to cowbridge.rotary@yahoo.co.uk.

Entry forms, together with £1 entry fee, should be delivered either to the Bear Hotel reception or The GEM offices and must arrive by kick-off on February 6, 2.25pm.

Cowbridge Rotary Club delivers services to the local community, assistance with transport, school reading, stroke awareness day, youth competitions, and monthly entertainment at Longmeadow Court.

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If you would like to know more about the work of Cowbridge Rotary Club or are interested in joining, please contact the membership chairman, Steven Blackman, on 07887 822 333.

ANDREW LANE

Barry RFC maintain unbeaten run with win over Pontyclun

AFTER five weeks without a game because of the inclement weather conditions it was back to business for the Barry first XV on Saturday when they travelled to Llantrisant Road for a SWALEC East Central league 2 fixture against Pontyclun RFC.

Having notched up a 30-13 win against the hosts earlier in the season and being unbeaten in their last eight games the expectation of Barry and their travelling supporters was naturally quite high.

However although winning 18-11, which enabled them to maintain second place position in the league, Barry did not have it all their own way against a much improved opposition.

On a blustery but predominantly rain-free afternoon Barry started well by putting pressure on the home side immediately.

With some sterling forward play and sensible probing kicks by Kyle Barros and Einar Scott Pontyclun were pinned in their own half of the field for long periods of time.

Barry were attacking well at this stage but

could not put the finishing touches to some fine moves by their backs.

After a pointless 15 minutes of play, one of the Pontyclun backs was deemed offside and Barry were awarded a penalty kick which full back Kyle Barros duly kicked to put three points on the board.

This seemed to upset the home side and they started to attack in the Barry half. It put Barry under quite a bit of pressure and after an infringement by one of the Barry players Pontyclun were awarded a penalty which was successful and gave them their first points of the afternoon.

Over the next 20 minutes or so possession was shared equally between the two sides but Pontyclun looked as though they were starting to get their act together and looked dangerous.

This put Barry under pressure but their defence was resolute and they stopped Pontyclun advancing time and time again.

However the tenacity of the home side paid off just before half-time when Barry second row forward Glyn Jones transgressed and was given a 10 minute break on the touchline. The resulting penalty kick was successful giving the

home side a 6-3 lead at the interval.

No one can be sure what the coaches had to say to the Barry team at half-time but whatever it was it had a dramatic effect because when they came on for the second half they started with gusto and put the Pontyclun defence under pressure immediately.

After only one minute or so of play Barry centre Brad White crossed the line after a fine piece of combination play between forwards and backs.

However, much to the surprise of the home spectators, and the disgust of the Barry spectators, the referee disallowed the try, deciding that Brad had been held up by the Pontyclun fullback.

However all was not lost because from the resulting five yard scrum Barry got their just reward when their pack pushed the Pontyclun pack over their own goal line enabling scrum half Tom Lee to score and put Barry in the lead. Kyle Barros added the extra points.

With the score at 10-6 in their favour, Barry was a changed side and started to attack time and time again putting the Pontyclun side under a lot of pressure.

After only eight minutes or so of the second half Barry went further ahead when their pack won some clean ball which enabled the backs to get the ball quickly out to wing Danny Ryan who went over in the corner for a great try. The conversion was unsuccessful.

With the score at 15-6 Barry must have thought that they had the game in the bag. However it was not to be and after 25 minutes of the second half the Pontyclun backs opened a hole in the Barry defence and scored what was arguably the best try of the match.

With the score at 15-11 and 15 minutes to go it could have been either side's game. Fortunately for Barry some over eagerness by one of the Pontyclun backs resulted in a penalty and Kyle Barros added the extra points to give them an 18-11 lead.

With five minutes to go Pontyclun were awarded a kickable penalty which was not successful. To be fair if it had gone over it would have made the last couple of minutes a very nervous time for Barry.

Considering they had not played a competitive game for five weeks this was a good win for Barry against a much improved Pontyclun side who appeared to have recruited well since the first encounter between the two sides way back in October.

Barry: Kyle James Barros, David Provis, Tomos Perry, Bradley White, Daniel Ryan, Einar David Scott, Tomos Lee, Alyn Evans, Ben Such, James Hollister, Jamie Oaten, Glyn Jones, Luke O'Sullivan, James Hadfield (c), Hywel Glynn-Jones.

Substitutes: Liam Ring, Sion Vidal, Owain Poole, Wayne Jones.

This week, Barry entertain Dinas Powys at the Reservoir Field in a local derby, kick off 2.30pm.

AJ

COWBRIDGE DARTS LEAGUE ROUND-UP

ON Tuesday, January 19, eight teams turned out for the Cowbridge darts league.

With Llanharri having no game, the Edmondes B, by beating the Farmers B (H&H) 7-2, reclaimed top spot. The Highwayman Inn's championship challenge was dented by a 5-4 defeat at The Six Bells in Penmark.

In the other matches, the Edmondes A beat the Edmondes C 5-4 and the Farmers Arms beat the Old Post Ladies 8-1.

Present league standings are: Edmondes B (57 points), Highwayman Inn (55), Llanharri (54), Edmondes A (52), Farmers Arms (45), Edmondes C (43), Six Bells Inn (41), Farmers B (H&H) (34) and Old Post Ladies (15).

Next Tuesday, February 2, a full programme of league

matches will see the Highwayman Inn host Llanharri and the Old Post Ladies host the Edmondes B. At the Edmondes Arms, the Edmondes A will play the Six Bells Inn and the Edmondes C will play the Farmers Arms.

The Farmers B (H&H) does not have a game this week.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome.

For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Cricket club's youth coaching

THE Llantwit Major Cavaliers will be running their winter youth coaching sessions from the end of January at the Llantwit Major Leisure Centre.

The sessions will run for eight weeks from Sunday January 31 (excluding March 13) - 2pm-3pm under-9s (includes younger children and beginners); 2.30pm - 3.30pm under-11s to under-16s.

We are looking for parental/player help with the under-11, under-13 and under-15 age groups.

All coaches, managers, players and helpers will need to have a valid DBS check (forms and applications and questions available through Neal) when working with youths.

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Bradley's double win at Tiverton

BRADLEY Gibbs notched up a double at the Tiverton Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Chipley Park last Sunday when winning the restricted race on the eight-year-old bay gelding Stony Road, and the intermediate race on the six-year-old bay mare My Coranna.

The former, owned by the Vale's Jeanne Thomas, is trained by Ian

Prichard and won by ten lengths from *Polo The Munn*. Gibbs came in for the ride owing to Mr Prichard's daughter Charley being on the injured list.

My Coranna, which is qualified with the Glamorgan Hunt, is owned by Claire Sheriff and is trained by Bradley's father David Gibbs at Ynysybwll. Both horses were well fancied, the former being returned the 7-4 favourite, and the latter starting at odds of 8-15.

BRIAN LEE

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